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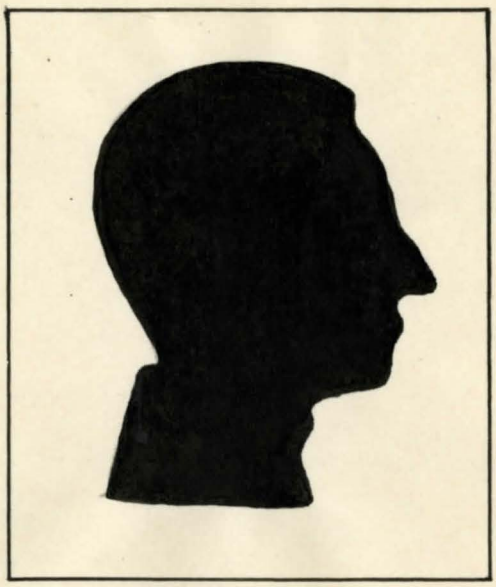

Silhouette of
Rev. JESSE CASWELL
From the Original in Possession of
Mr. E. J. Caswell, Madison Wis.

PREFACE

This is the journal of a man of methodical habits. Having formed the purpose to "examine himself" weekly, Mr. Caswell held himself to it with fine self-discipline. Until he became engrossed with the work in Siam he records the results of this periodical self-analysis. Frequently he uses the significant phrase "spread out on paper" when he is about to set down the pros and cons on a subject under consideration.

Of the journals of the several Siamese missionaries which it has been my privilege to examine this one is the best composed, without disparagement to the others. The writer shows a refined literary skill and obviously enjoyed the art of composition. He also has a good sense of the value of a journal and takes pains to give ample details to make the events intelligible.

It must be considered, however, that the journal was kept for the expressed purpose of recording the self-examination and for that reason it is a psychological document, the historical element being subsidiary. The original journal would provide a good field for a student of psychology interested in the spiritual discipline practiced at that period. A few observations in this regard might be noted.

The attempt to attribute all his moods to spiritual causes results in rather severe self-criticism, though occasionally he does discern that his physical condition produces a reflex action on the mind. The contemporary habit of interpreting "Spiritual mindedness" as a state of fixed attention on the religious ideas caused frequent self-incrimination for permitting common matters to occupy the mind. It is quite obvious too that the incessant examining of his own motives led to the judging of motives of others. By the prevailing conception of spirituality and his interpretation of current experiences accordingly he unwittingly makes God appear to be fickle and capricious; for he is constantly lamenting that in spite of his conscientious efforts to follow the scripture, God fails to do what he had expected. While on the other hand, in case of a fortunate turn of circumstances he searches out inconsequential causes to account for the divine blessing.

In one particular the journal will disappoint. It is to be anticipated that here would be found some intimate disclosures of Mr. Caswell's relation with his royal pupil. But in fact, all that he here records on that relation has found its way into print. But when one considers the circumstances it will be observed that the tutorship continued only about 18 months and that it was in service during the time when his heart and mind were much distracted by the unhappy doctrinal controversy. It is quite probable that he did not realize the influence he was exerting on the Prince nor the affection which the Prince had for him. It is also quite probable that both of these effects were much intensified for the Prince by the early death of his Christian friend.

The journal, nevertheless, has a value for the history of the early mission. For that reason I have carefully edited the original and make this transcription available for the students of history. As in the case of the other journals there has been much that is irrelevant, for the mere habit of journalizing induces and recording of trivial matters. While I have omitted a good portion of this, nothing has been omitted that has historical significance. When matter has been omitted within a paragraph quoted the symbol has been used but no symbol indicates the omission of complete paragraphs. A few names have been recorded in the Siamese character which are here indicated by the symbol.

The work of transcribing has been made easy for the editor by the careful work of the typist Miss Mary Czech of the Troy Business College who has ably typed the whole matter as dictated direct from the manuscript journal.

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ADDENDA

After this abstract of the journal had been typed there came to my hands a "Commonplace Book" of Mr. Caswell, and the loose leafes that had become detached from another. These evidently had been used to jot down current affairs, ideas and suggestions, items of news culled from various sources, notes on the chemical lectures gives to the servants, copies of "laws of Evidence" written in the form of letters to a prince. From such note books doubtless Mr. Caswell made up his journal, and most of the daily doings of interest noted in these had been transferred to the Journal.

Besides there there was a copy of his "History of My Views With Reference to the Doctrine of Christian Perfection" which had been sent to the Prudential Committee and the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

But little of this material has any interest now. Such as may be worth preserving I have transcribed in a separate section which will be found following the Journal itself. Among these are a few notes pertaining to his relations with Chao Fa Yai which contribute to the lack of comments on this subject in the Journal proper.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

REVEREND JESSE CASWELL (b April 17 - d Sept 24, 1848) was the son of Jesse and Beulah (Haskins) Caswell, born at Middletown, Vt.

Young Caswell prepared for college at Castleton (Vt) Academy. At the time of graduating from the theological seminary he records that he had spent eleven years in preparing for the ministry, during which time he had taught a district or a select school six winters. By this notation his entry into the academy would be dated September, 1826.

After two years in the academy he entered Middlebury College, Vt., from which he graduated with the degree of A B in 1832. The following two years he taught in the academy of Potsdam, New York, and it was there he began this carefully written journal. He specificly states that this work was necessary to provide funds in addition to what he expected from the Education Aid Society to meet the expense of his theological course. While in Potsdam he acted as superintendent of the Sabbath School in the village church and also of two Sabbath Schools in outlying districts which he himself organized, a form of work in which he was very zealous. His period of service at Potsdam terminated August 6, 1834.

In his letter of application to the ABCFM he states that his heart was turned towards the mission field coincident with his conversion, which he dates May 2, 1831; and that his preparation for the ministry was with a view to the foreign field if the way should be open. In the fall of 1834 he entered Andover Theological Seminary, Mass., then notable as a breeding place of missionaries, and which indeed had been organized to provide missionaries for the rising tide of interest in the evangelization of the world. While at that institution young Caswell was actively indentified with the Society of Mission Inquiry, particularly its foreign committee. He also served as a teacher in the Sabbath School of the "West Parish."

It was his zeal for missions that led to his transfer to the Iane Theological Seminary at Cincinnati, Ohio. Rev. Mr. Bullard, the western agent of the ABCFM, during Caswell's first year in the seminary addressed the Society of Inquiry upon the need of missionary spirit in the west and he "proposed to the Foreign Committee that two or three of the missionary brethren go to Iane Seminary and use their influence to spread a missionary spirit there, to baptize it in its infancy." The Society voted its advice that Caswell and Clark should transfer their studies to that institution for the purpose indicated. Accordingly Mr. Caswell reached Cincinnati on Oct. 5, 1835 "after a journey of three weeks."

His purpose to arouse a missionary zeal was faithfully carried on. He became the librarian of the local Society of Missionary inquiry and Chairman of its Foreign Committee. But apparently there was no early response to his activities for frequently he laments "the low state of religion in the seminary." Just what this phrase signifies is not plain, unless it is that his fellow students did not display an ardor like his own. At the end of his last year, however, he rejoices over a "revival in the seminary congregation." For a year and a half he

served as teacher in the "Fulton Sabbath School" and for a while acted as agent for the "Missionary Herald." On November 27, 1836 he forwarded to the ABCFM his application to go as a missionary, and in due time received notice of his appointment and later of his assignment to Siam.

Mr. Caswell graduated from Iane Seminary July 4, 1837. On April 20, previous, he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Cincinnati and later on Sept 23, 1838 he was ordained by the same body, of which he continued to be a member while on the mission field. Immediately after graduation, on July 18, he began labor as "City Missionary" in Cincinnati, a position which he continued until June 29, 1838 when he became Agent for the ABCFM. That position did not continue very long for in the following November he returned to his home at Middletown, Vermont, where he was engaged part of the winter in evangelistic work in his own community.

On April 14, 1839 Mr. Caswell married Miss Anna Turrill Hemenway, and on the next day the two went to Middlebury where, together with a company of new missionaries, they received instructions from the Secretary of the ABCFM. This group comprised, besides the Caswells, Rev. Messrs Asa Hemenway, H G S French, L B Peet, N S Benham and their wives.

This group together with Miss E M Pierce (of Clinton N Y) and a Miss Taylor (destination not given) sailed from Boston July 6 1839. After a sojourn of several weeks at Singapore awaiting passage the party proceed to Siam in detachments. Mr. and Mrs. Caswell arrived in Bangkok Jan 1 1840, one hundred and seventy-nine days from Boston.

The journal, which this sketch is intended to preface, gives the details of Mr. Caswell's labor in Siam. It will be sufficient here to call attention to the important items in his career on the mission field. One of these is to be mentioned only because it affected his relation to the Board. It is the controversy over the "Oberlin Views" of himself and Dr D B Bradley MD. So far as the matter is of interest ample details will be found in the journal. As a result of the controversy, Dr. Bradley while in the United States, acting for himself and for Mr. Caswell, tendered their resignation from the ABCFM and transferred their relations to the American Missionary Associations, which became effective for Mr. Caswell June 30 1848, just three months before his death.

Another interesting undertaking on the part of Mr. Caswell was to give a series of scientific lectures to the servants of the mission. It would appear that he was the originator of this idea (May 3 1841) which was afterwards taken up by Dr House with Mr. Caswell's co-operation The significance of these scientific lectures lay in the new method of approach in preparation for the Gospel message. By its attack upon the fanciful conception of nature as then commonly held by the Siamese, which in turn fortified their interpretation of the unseen world-force, these lectures proved to be a strong apologetic in favor of the truth of Christian

teaching. And by this use of science on the part of Mr. Caswell and Dr House the lively interest of the leading intellectuals was aroused and their sympathy for western learning was quickened.

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A third feature of Mr. Caswell's work was the unique privilege of serving as tutor to Chao Fa Yai, the priest-prince who at that time was the head priest of the Buddhist religion in Siam and who afterwards became King Mongkut. To secure the services of Mr. Caswell to teach himself and other members of his monastery the English language Chao Fa Yai offered the missionary the privilege of using a room in one of his buildings for the preaching of the Christian religion and the distribution of tracts, and he granted permission to all the priests under him to attend as they wished. It is interesting to contemplate that the two men, Mr. Caswell and Dr Bradley, who were constrained to resign from the mission because of the challenge of their orthodoxy by their fellow missionaries were the two men of that mission who made the most profound and lasting impression on this high prince and other princes and nobles.

Mr. Caswell's death occurred Sept 25 1848, the cause being named as erysipelas accompanied with inflammation of the lungs. When Chao Fa Yai became king a few years later he caused a monument to be erected out of respect to his former tutor and subsequently on two occasions sent generous sums to Mr. Caswell's widow after she had returned to the United States.

Of his literary works Mr Caswell makes mention of only one production. On Aug 17 1848 he notes having completed the Siamese-English dictionary on which he had been working almost continuously for five months. Probably this remained in manuscript. Besides this work he was the author of "A Catechism of Prayer" which was printed and bound together with a volume of stories by Mr Hemenway. He prepared and published at the mission press a "Grammar of the English Language for Siamese."

Although Mr. Caswell's name is well-known in the mission history because of his relation to Chao Fa Yai, other wise not much has been known about his life and work. Yet he is a figure around whom has gathered an affectionate admiration on the part of those who know him thus distantly. Doubtless if there had not rested a cloud on the mission just prior to his death, or if he had been permitted to serve longer in his new connection his death would have called forth one of those martyr-eulogies which were poured forth so lavishly upon the young pioneers who died at their posts.

In the "Historical Sketch of Protestant Missions in Siam" by Geo B McFarland this commendation of Mr Caswell's work occurs; "A man of most earnest purpose and possessed rare fitness for the mission work. It was largely due to the enlarged and liberal ideas in government and religion which Mr Caswell had given the Prince-Priest, that he opened Siam to commerce and improvement when he ascended the throne." (p 20 - 21)

This journal reveals the heart of the writer as few journals do. Habitual self-examination is not wholesome, yet in this case

it served to disclose the sincerity of purpose which dominated the man and his deep craving for spirituality. It must be asserted that the expressions of this craving display the error of spirituality, which was the cult of fixed attentions on religious ideas. Unable to keep the mind stable continuously on this one subject the devotee frequently laments his want of that kind of spirituality. Two conspicuous traits are his zeal in every work he under takes and his particular interest in individuals whom he seeks to serve.

Rev. Jesse Caswell married April 14 1839 Miss Anna Turrill Hemenway (b Aug 4 1812 - d), daughter of Francis and Clara (Turrill) Hemenway of Shoreham, Vermont, and sister of Rev Asa Hemenway.

The following children were born to the union, all being born in Siam:

Francis Hemenway	b Feb 20 1840	died in the Civil War, Libby Prison.
George Shipman	b Fe 19 1842	died Dec 15 1847
Martha Malvina	b Jun 10 1846	died ?
Stephen Jesse	b Nov 19 1849	died Agg 3 1917

Mrs. Caswell, after the death of her husband, returned to the United States, For a period she lived at Grand Detour, Ill., where her brother Luke Hemenway lived; and later moved to Rockford, Ill. with her children, where she died.

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1833

Jan 6 Potsdam, New Yor. I have for some time neglected keeping a record of my state of feeling and of passing events. This I now resume with the intention of making an entry as often as once a week.

I have now commenced a new year, and have just returned from the celebration of the Lord's supper. It becomes me to take an impartial review of the past year and wherever I have failed in exhibiting the Christian character to make resolutions of amendment. Through the good providence of God, I have been permitted to close my college course and, in prosperous and favorable circumstances, to enter upon the office of a teacher in this institution (Potsdam Academy). During the time I have been here I have had abundant reason to say the Lord has prospered me. People have been kind and friendly and my health good.

My responsibilities are great. In addition to the duties growing out of the relation existing between me and this institution, the superintendence of a large and interesting Sunday school is committed to my charge. Here is a noble and extensive field of labor. How much good might be accomplished, had I the spirit of Christ! Henceforth, I devote myself to the interest of that cause for which he died; that I may the more effectually promote these interest, I make the following resolutions, beseaching my Heavenly Father to give me strength and a disposition for their performance.

1. I will be in bed at 10½ o'clock and rise early.
2. I will endeavor to accomplish whatever I undertake in as little time as possible.
3. I will make thorough preparation for giving instruction in the branches which I may teach.
4. I will aim to exert the best and greatest influence over the teachers and scholars connected with the Sunday School.
5. As one mode of doing this I will as far as consistent with other duties, visit them at their homes.

13. I have of late witnessed an instance of the ease with which children may be brought to the examination of the scriptures. When I commenced superintending the Sunday School of this place, the general attandance was from 50 to 60. I engaged

the teachers to hold monthly meetings for prayer, held singing schools for the children, visited some and made a model of the Tabernacle. By this means and others, so much interest has been excited that although it was very stormy today there could not have been less than 90 present. Let this teach me the value of continual exertions in the cause of Christ. Let me remember that childhood and youth are the seedtime of life and that however little encouragement there may be to labor for the good of adults, we have the sure promise of God and the full testimony of experience, that the child trained up in the way he should go will not depart from it in ripened years. Let me use every exertion in my power to raise the standard of Christian activity in the teachers, and to excite a spirit of self-concentration to the service of Christ.

27 For three or four weeks past I have had some confidence that I should witness a revival of religion in this place. I have felt more than usual that all our strength is in God and have been enabled to plead with more earnestness for the descent of the spirit. Nothing is more manifest than that the mere exhibition of truth will not affect the heart. The spirit of God only can give it a stirring efficacy. Our great encouragement is that He is far more ready to give it efficacy than we can be to exhibit it to the understanding.

Feb. 3 My heart is as hard as a stone. The most solemn truths of God's word are heard without making the slightest impression. Oh! When will the stone become broken and susceptible of feeling. It is a long time since I have ceased to derive any sensible satisfaction from prayer. I am much of the time in a state of despondency, which I fear is criminal inasmuch as it is unfavorable to Christian exertion.

24 The state of my heart is growing worse and worse. I am becoming discontented and tired of the station in which God has placed me. All the hateful passions, anger, jealousy, hatred, are gaining a frightful influence over me. My prayers are cold and formal, and the Bible is a dead letter.

Mar 3 Have once more had the opportunity of sitting at the table of the Lord, but oh how cold, how unfeeling is my heart. I am in an awful condition; no sense of the presence of God, my Savior afar off, my heart as insensible as a rock to all the truths of the Gospel, no faith, seldom any anxiety. Oh, truly, the righteous will be scarcely saved. Oh, how long shall I remain in this condition. I am sure that I practically believe the old Calvinistic Doctrine that the elect will be saved, let them do what they will. I am continually prone to expect that God will do some great thing for me, independent of my own free will, and yet I know that this never will be. May God give me a heart to believe his work and obey His command.

24 Heard Mr. Johnson of Canton preach on the trials of ministersof the Gospel. When I look at the duties of the minister I almost despair of ever being qualified for the station. Nothing

but the grace of God can sustain a person in the discharge of these. There is something exceedingly precious in the promise of Christ to His disciples.

Apr 7 That the signs of the times give promise of the speedy promulgation of the Gospel throughout the world can scarcely admit of a doubt in the mind which observes them. It has been demonstrated that the present number of the professed followers of Christ in the U. S., if thoroughly awaked to the subject, are able of themselves to preach the Gospel to one-half of the world in thirty years with great ease. But they are not awake. With comparatively few exceptions an unbroken calm rests upon the mast of Christian minds.

Whence then are the signs so full of promise? I answer, look to the nurseries of the churches, the Sunday schools of our land, and you can distinctly recognize them. The difference between the means of information of the rising generation and those possessed by those now on the stage of action is heavenwide. The books placed in the hands of the children of the present day, and the various means of instruction employed are imparting information, forming associations and habits of thought and feeling which must ere long exhibit themselves in most decided and vigorous action.

It is but 8 years since the A S S Union was formed and began to publish its books. The S. S. system requires time to perfect it. The operations of the union can be said to have been carried on systematically and extensively, but a very short time. Very few consequently who are now engaged in business have been trained up under the influence of well-conducted S S schools and the books connected with them. But ten years from this time will witness upon the stage the class of Christians who will have been norished in the atmosphere of the Bible and benevolent operations. What exertions may we not then expect from such men?

Apr 14 Have today visited a poor sick Irish girl. Found her perfectly resigned to the will of God, willing to die or live, willing to live on a bed of sickness as long as He sees fit. Here is the fruit of S S instruction. She attended a S S in Ireland. I proposed frequently visiting the girl, as I hope it may do me good. The family is wretchedly poor, 8 persons being crowded into one small room with but one bed, besides the crib upon which the sick girl lies.

May 5 This day the Sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered. How long is it since I had any sensible manifestations of the presence of the Redeemer. My heart is not at all prepared for a visit from Him. It is not wonderful at all that He does not manifest his approving smiles to one who values them so little.

12 Lately had an application to remain here another year. Have been some in doubt with regard to what is duty. I want to enter the seminary next fall, but am inclined to think that I ought to stay here;
1. Should I enter, I should scarcely be able to meet the necessary expenses with my grants from the education society. 2. It is desirable that frequent changes of teachers should be avoide.

3. I am needed in the S S which is now in a very flourishing state.
4. I am gaining a good deal in my knowledge of the Bible, by my connection with S A and am gaining in various kinds of knowledge by my connection with this institution.

26 Today have commenced a S S in a part of town about four miles from this. Had 25 scholars, but shall find some difficulty in supplying them with teachers. My state of feeling is about as it has been for a long time, slouthful in spiritual things, very little spiritual enjoyment.

July 7 Just returned from my S S in the west part of the town. It is becoming quite interesting. Have commenced the study of the Tabernacle. Distributed a library today which we have just purchased. Today was Communion season.

July 28 The place where I hold a S S in the west part of the town I believe to be a very important station. After the S S, I remain at a conference and the house is usually full. We are frequently disturbed by a number of young men going out and in during the service. If they could be pursuaded to embrace the Gospel, it would make a great change in that neighborhood.
My soul, I am convinced is in a very lamentable condition. I am growing more and more slothful in the service of God, and prayer is becoming more of a burden. I do not know, but that something is to be attributed to my state of body for I am inclined to sleep a great deal. But if I love the worship of God as I ought, it appears to me that I should be more wakeful and alive.

29 This evening God saw fit to come near to me in prayer and to convince me that it is infinitely easy for him to dispel all clouds from my mind. It is a long time since I have before had so clear a manifestation of His presence.

Sept 22 One week, last Thursday, I returned from Vermont. The same death-like stupor continues to pervade my soul. But once during several months do I recollect of experiencing any sensible communication of God's spirit. I am obliged to take up the lamentation of the Israelites when they have hung their harps upon the willow by the cold streams of Babylon.

23. I find that my greatest fault consists not in performing actions, wrong in themselves, but in not acting from a regard to the will of God. This, I believe to be the only proper principle of action and the only one which will carry a person safely through all the varied scenes of life. The man who looks forward to the missionary life especially ought to scan very particularly his motives of action.

Oct 6 Have been out to my S S. It is becoming quite interesting. The children appear generally engaged. There is far less incivility manifested in the conduct of the young people than has been the case and there is every way a more pleasant state of things. We need throughout the community, most of all, the spirit of God shed down upon us.

13 Have set apart this day with a dear friend for the purpose of fasting and prayer with reference to the manner in which we

shall spend our lives. The question we wish to examine is this: Ought we to devote ourselves to the service of God in a foreign mission? We are to seek the directions of God in reference to this object and pray for holiness of heart that we may be prepared for the station which God may allot to us.

20 When I look back upon the scenes of the past week, I hardly know what to say of myself. This one thing I know, that my heart is exceedingly hard. I have been examining the subject of fasting. The evidence appears full and conclusive that abstinence from food is essential to true scriptural fasting.

Nov 3 Today was Communion, but I was unable to attend on account of my S S. While I was going to it I felt an unusually ardent desire that God would bless my efforts. I lifted up my soul to Him in prayer. From the appearance of the school, I am encouraged to hope that he has begun to answer prayer and that He will carry it on. There was evidently deep solemnity. An impenitent teacher told me that she was determined to seek the Savior till she should find Him. My sister (who is with me) is quite unwell. Called in a physician to night who prescribed a blister. There is some danger of an affection of the brain.

Nov 10 Have this day read the cheering news of a great revival in one of the Sandwich Islands which took place in 1832. How manifest it is that the day is approaching rapidly when all nations will be subject to Christ.

17 Last Sabbath a sermon was preached on the duties of women and the sphere in which they ought to walk, which gave offence to some and three or four left the house, one of whom is a deacon of the church. This caused a great deal of feeling. Today Mr. Cannon preached on humility and it would seem as though he was divinely directed to that subject. At the close of the meeting he gave out word that he would preach next Sabbath on the words, "Prepare Ye the way of the Lord." Some feeling seems to be manifested. The prayer meeting during the intermission is said to have been more than usually interesting.

19 This evening conversed with Stillman Brown, a distant relative of mine, who is now in the academy on the subject of religion. He seems to be thoughtful. I spend much of my time idly, sitting frequently after tea in my boarding house when I might be doing some good.

24 Sabbath P. M. 10 o'clock. Just returned from my S S. Stayed during the conference. The conference had been discontinued for some time, but are now recommenced and there is some reason to hope that good will be done.
Deacon Barnam left the meeting today while Mr. Cannon was preaching on the duties of the deaconship. The great advisary seems actively engaged in working mischief.

Dec 1 The S S in the village is increasing in numbers and that in the west part of the town increasing much in interest. I find it an easy matter to interest children in the subjects of the Bible.

If I can adopt some mode to make them understand, then they will be interested. The young men in the west town are becoming much more civil and attentive. One young man who manifested the greatest indifference and even contempt of religious subjects has become quite attentive and sometimes appears solemn.

8 Went out to my S S in the west part of the town, but no scholars were present on account of the snow. On my way back I had an opportunity of conversing with two or three young people on the subject of religion. I think I felt more desire of late to talk with impenitent children, more a tender concern for their welfare. Lately learned that Laura Ann McChesney is indulging hope. She says she has hoped about two weeks. She has been uncommonly tender for some time, and seeing this has happened in a time of no excitement, there seems to be some reason to hope that the work is genuine.

22 This day have had some exhibition of the exceeding wickedness of the human heart. Between the S S and conference in the west part of the town, a number of young people remained at the school house and acted in a most riotous manner, although warned previous of the sinfulness of such proceedings. * * *
During the past week have prayed and conversed with three boys belonging to the academy, apparently with good effect. Have been enabled to pray with some earnestness for the salvation of children.

Dec 26 It is now vacation and I have set apart this day as a day of fasting and prayer in view of the declension of religion in my own heart and the community around. I have to a great degree become worldly minded and sensual. In the community around there seems to be a strange and unaccountable apathy towards the cause of the Redeemer. I trust there are a few praying ones, but the body of professing Christians appear to be exceedingly dead to their obligations.
The places where my influence is most felt are probably the academy, two S S's and my boarding house. In the academy I have failed of exerting as good an influence as I might have exerted, by giving too little religious instruction. In the S S of the village, perhaps, I exert more influence by attending early and conversing with individuals before the commencement of the school. Probably I might do good by conversing with the teachers more frequently. In the S S in the west I know not what improvement can be made. I need more solemnity of manner in imparting instruction. In the family circle, I am too much disposed to engage in light conversation. My great fault is in not keeping continually before my mind the example of Christ.

29 The Holy spirit is evidently striving with sinners in the west part of the town. The subject of the lesson today was the parable of ten virgins. Some of the scholars and two impenitent teachers manifested much feeling.

31 This is the last day of the year. The actions of another year are now sealed up for the judgment. How little have I done for the Savior. Went yesterday to Parishville to the protracted meeting. Believe that I have got good by going. This is an awfully wicked place. Young professors of religion exceedingly light. Attempted tonight to induce the feeling of teachers in

the S S to hold a weekly prayer meeting.

YEAR 1834

Jan 6 I find by looking back that it is just one year since I commenced this diary. I then formed several resolutions, but how poorly have they been kept.

12 Just returned from the west S S. Some solemnity, apparently but little deep feeling. Feel a satisfaction in leaving the results with God. During the past week Mumford James, a boy eleven years of age, a member of the school, has entertained hope. So far as I can find out his feelings, he appears pretty well. Some few of the young men in the academy have established a morning prayer meeting.

19 Last Wednesday and Thursday attended the anniversaries of the benevolent societies of the dounty and seconded a resolution on the necessity of S S's to prepare the rising generation for the enlarged movements of the coming age.

Jan 26 One young man in the academy, Rowand, by name, half Indian seems to be deeply sensible of the importance of religion. Likewise a Miss Smith, a teacher in the west SnS seems to be near to the Kingdom. The young men in the academy hold a prayer meeting early every morning. There seems to be an increase of the feeling of responsibility among them.

Feb 9 Today there were 92 children in the village S S and more than 30 in the one west. After closing the school in the west part of the town, I went with Mr. Truman Smith about a mile and a half still further west and held a meeting for the purpose of organizing another school which he will superintend.

10 This day heard good news from the district where I have had a S S, the west district. While I was gone with Mr. Smith the brethren in the Buttolph district came together in conference, confessed their back slidings and enjoyed a most melting season. News from other parts of the town also are exceedingly interesting.

24 Yesterday commenced another S S about six miles from the village under favorable circumstances. Thus three schools will occupy the whole Sabbath.

Mar 16 My Sabbaths are now more fatiguing to me than other days. After going through with the labors of three S S's and a conference, I feel worn out. Am glad to get into bed.

Apr 6 Carried to my schools today a large number of pamphlets containing much information with regard to the movements of the present age. Find they are read with eagerness.

May 11 Spiritual pride is taking strong hold of my heart. I love to have people think that I do a great deal for the cause of Christ. I love to tell of what I do. I am resolved that I will

refrain from talking of what I do unless there appears a good reason for supposing that by telling it I may do good.

24 Generally while riding to my schools my attention has been much attracted by surrounding objects and worldly thoughts. Today I have been able to surmount this trouble very much by repeating passages of the Scripture.

June 29 Was prevented today from going to my S S's by the rain. Have some sense of my back-slidings. Some faint view of the extent to which I have betrayed the interest of my Master by my coldness and slothfulness.

July 13 Yesterday and today have had interview with Mr. Winslow who has been a missionary in Ceylon for about 15 years. He is really a lovable man and a man of first-rate talent. He had several idols, two of which I carried out to my schools. The time draws near when I must bid adieu to my three S S's forever, to meet them next at the judgment.

Aug 3 This day I have dissolved my connection with my S S's here, a solemn and interesting day. Hope some lasting impressions have been made. I Realize but faintly that we separate to meet at the bar of Christ. On Wednesday of this week my labors in this institution close.

Aug 24 Middletown, Vermont. It is now more than a week since I came to this place. Find myself in a state of great destitution, of devotedness to God. This week I mean to lay out in the morning the labors of the day and then endeavor to accomplish them in the fear of God. I expect to leave for Andover Theological Institute in a little more than a week.

Sept 12 Andover Theological Seminary. Came here about a week since for the purpose of studying during the vacation. Last Saturday took the charge of a class in the Sunday School of the West Parish, two miles from here, consisting of 30 young ladies, most of them married, a very important class. I have also to have charge of a neighborhood meeting on Saturday evening during the vacation.

18 I find my appetite so imperious in its demands that it is almost impossible to contend with it. Almost daily do I eat from a third to a half more than I need. Thus my intellectual powers are rendered sluggish and ineffective, my desire after holiness languid, my views of spiritual things confused and faint. I have often made resolutions of amendment and as often broken them. This has been owing much to not having fixed upon any particular quantity of food to be taken at each meal. That I intend to do now.

21 Went at noon to my Bible class, remained this afternoon and attended a conference. Have felt of late something of importance of experimental religion in the Christian ministry.

28 Early sermon today on the nature and importance of drawing near to God in meditation. This is what I am but little use to;

have practiced it some of late in accordance with a recommendation of Baxter; find that it has a tendency to give health and tone to the Christian character. I am very much a slave of appetite. Here lies a strong temptation. Although I cannot charge myself with having violated knowingly the resolution I have lately made on this subject, yet my appetite is sometimes clamorous, especially for fruit. In view of the constant self-denial required in the Christian life my spirit faints within me and I become nearly discouraged.

Oct 26 It is now something more than a week since the turn commenced. I find that one of the dangers to which I am exposed is found in the fact that there is not so striking a difference between what may be called common and sacred duties as there is in most situations in life. The Bible is so frequently in hand, for instance, as a mere book of reference, that it seems in a great degree to lose its character as the word of God and when I read it for devotional purposes my reverence for it seems to be lessened. There ought, I think be as marked a difference as may be between our common and holy duties.

Nov 11 Walked today with Dr. Woods for the purpose of conversing on the subject of, "My personal duty with regard to foreign missions." On the question, "How are we to decide on the relative claims of the heathen world and the western part of our country," he remarked that he believe Providence would point out the path of duty clearly to every individual who sincerely desires to know it. As an illustration of what he meant he said that if there was a great means for supporting missionaries it would be considered an indication of Divine providence that more ought to become missionaries. He thought that when a person's feelings had been manifestly interested in the cause and he possessed a prevailing desire to go, it was an indication that it was his duty. When I told him my past feelings he said that he thought that there could be no doubt that it was my duty and that I ought to consider that point as settled for the present.

Nov 23 During the week have heard from home; State of religion there more interesting, one conversion; Br. Munira has been appointed deacon with two other young men, Reuben Loomis and Jervis Barber, a cousin of mine. This evening 20 missionaries, including I suppose females, are to receive their instructions in Boston expecting to sail on Wednesday.

Dec 14 A very stormy day, but went to S S and found two of my class there. Had a precious time with them.

28 Yesterday received a letter from my sister who is teaching in West Rutland, from which I learn that another cousin, Mima Terrill, has gone home to her rest. Mima has been blind from infancy, entertained a hope in 1831. Today was Communion in the seminary; had a peaceful mind, but little sensible communion with the Savior.

YEAR 1835

Jan 11 Had a pleasant time today with my class. After giving

them an account of China, I took up the first verses of the 15th Chapter of John. One woman sits almost always with tears in her eyes.

19 Last evening after retiring to rest I reflected on my condition for some time. I was convinced that I am in a state of great declension, that I am not at all prepared to act as a guide to immortal souls. I felt some determination to seek a preparation of heart, had some confidence that a state of conformity to the law of God far beyond anything which I have experienced is attainable. I resolve that I will immediately set myself about this work. I intend to make the first topic the examination of my heart for the present and to set down the evidences of declension as they occur (Editor's Note: Here follows more than apage of minute analyses of his thoughts, feeling and motives.)

22 Last evening Dr. Winer addressed the students and others in the Chapel on the wants of the world. Before his address he gave an account of the violent death of Messrs. Lyman and Munson in Sumatra. I think that for 2 years past my desires have not been so strong that the Lord would raise up an army of missionaries for the world as during and after the address.

Feb 1 Today Dr. Woods preached a sermon on the death of five young men lately members of this seminary whose deaths we have heard of this term, He preached all day. At the commencement of the afternoon services, he announced the death of another young man who had died at the south.

8 Yesterday in the afternoon visited several of my class in Fry village. Hope I have some desires to do good mingled with all my bad motives. Felt some tenderness in conversing and praying with them, especially with one who gives evidence of being a Christian, but does not make a profession. Returned to the conference in the seminary and was distressed at my own barrenness and at the smallness of the number of the brethren who attended.

Mar 15 For three weeks past have had but few seasons of Communion with God. When I go out to visit I am almost invariably troubled with a desire to honor myself. Cannot think of an act of any importance to which I was not prompted very much if not chiefly by this motive. I know not what to think of myself. A few weeks since I formed a resolution that I would seek a better state, but that resolution seems now to produce no affect.

Apr 5 Received letters last week from Sister M and from "A". See mofe and more the value of "A" and have great reason to thank God for the connection which has existed between us for more than two years. May her life and health be spared and we be permitted to spend our strength among the heathen. (Editor's Note: No entries between this and next date.)

June 14 A week ago yesterday I returned from Vermont where I spent the vacation. Delivered a missionary address three times and labored in various other ways. Came back with some desire to see a revival, but with disinclination to study.

26 Today is a fast in the seminary. How unprepared am I to engage in the duties of a fast. And yet this very deadness constitutes the reason I should fast and pray. For some time I have been in a state of indecision in regard to the service of God. I felt a willingness to do my duty, but was not firmly decided to do it. Day before yesterday, I think I became more decided. I feel that I need constantly to do as I did when I first became a Christian. If ever peace took possession of my soul it was in consequence of coming to a full determination to be wholly devoted to God.

July 9 This day is set apart by some of the brethren for fasting and prayer. At 8 o'clock the Rev. O. Eastman addressed the brethren in regard to the operation of the American Tract Society. In New York 12 agents are employed to superintend the distribution of tracts and 1,000 distributors are engaged. One man in Virginia had lately known 16 persons converted by means of bound volumes, all in one county, and only after a few weeks after their distribution--four in one family, none of whom could read.

27 On Wednesday Mr. Bullard, agent of the American Board C. F. M. for the west proposed to the foreign committee that two or three of the missionary brethren go to Lane Seminary and use their influence to spread a missionary spirit there, to baptize it in its infancy. I have examined the subject to a considerable extent and am inclined to think it my duty to go. Br. Clark is likewise thinking of it. I desire a feeling of entire submission to the will of God. If I should consult feeling, I should probably go.

29 Last evening the missionary brethren gave their advice that Br. Clark and myself should go to Lane Seminary. As the question is pretty well settled in my mind that it is a duty to go, I wish to spread out the subject before me in writing, that I may become sure in regard to my decision (Editor's Note: Here follows four pages of argument pro and con leading to a decision to go to Lane Seminary.)

Aug 29 Middletown, Vermont. Arrived in this place night before last, four days from Andover. Stayed in Roackingham one night. Have some reason to suppose that God may use my instrumentality last spring vacation in the conversion of Malinda A. Davis of that place. She was much gratified to see me.

Oct 9 Lane Seminary, Cincinnati. Arrived in this place on Saturday morning the 5th after a journey of three weeks.

11 Sabbath. Heard Dr. Beecher preach today on the right use of property. How much good has the church in her power to do?

17 Have been appointed librarian of the Society of Inquiry and Chairman of the Foreign Committee.

18 Today have attended two S S's in each of which I instructed a class.

24 Sat down after tea to meditate. Felt myself to be a weak inefficient being with no strength of purpose and almost without power to make a resolution. While I muse my sense of my needy situation increased. I cast myself down before God and told Him I was a poor depraved being and cast myself on His mercy. Felt strengthened and was enabled to plead for blessings on my father's family and that of which my dear "A" is a member.

25. Heard the Rev. Edward Beecher, president of Illinois College, preach this evening on Communion with God. The importance of habitual, intellect communion with God has for three or four months occupied my mind much and greatly increased in my view.

Nov 29 For a few Sabbaths have been engaged in a S S in Fulton about a mile and a half from the seminary. I feel disturbed on account of the low state of religion in the seminary. Have of late had some seasons of earnest prayer for Francis and Martha. May it not be that I shall soon hear of their conversion.

Dec 7 During the past week have heard of a revival in Shoreham, Middlebury, and Middletown. There are some indications of a revival in this seminary and in the city. For some time past I have felt distressed, in view of the coldness existing in this seminary. Yesterday commenced another Sunday School in Fulton. Expect to hold a meeting with the children every Sabbath.

14 The S S established a week since was more than double yesterday. 34 attended of whom 29 stayed to the meeting. Received a letter from Anna on Saturday, stating that 200 professed conversion during a meeting held by Mr. Birchard in Shoreham and 100 in Middlebury in two days * * * . The inauguration of Rev. Baxter Dickenson as Professor of Sacred Rhetoric in this seminary is to take place next week.

21 Very bad going yesterday yet there were the same number of children in the new S S which attended last Sabbath and about the same number in the other. My strongest temptation in connection with this school is to seek the praise of men and I have grave reason to fear that my usefulness will be greatly hindered by it.

Jan 25 Appearance of S S's encouraging. Several new scholars at both schools. I must not place my mind so much on the S. S's as to neglect my influence in the Seminary. In no way can I be better prepared for usefulness than by faithfully discharging every duty which I owe to the Seminary.

Feb 22 Today have had an opportunity to engage in distributing the Missionary Herald in the city. Think I shall improve it. My pecuniary advantages will be better than to work in the Seminary and I shall have an opportunity of becoming acquainted with a large number of persons who are most likely to take an interest in the missionary cause.

27 For the last three Saturdays Br. Ball and myself have abstained from our dinner and devoted the time to prayer. At each time we have received a blessing. This evening Brother B. came to my room in great distress for the Seminary, so much so that

it seemed almost impossible to contain himself. We conversed and our hearts melted. Called in Br. Clark. Talked and prayed. Our souls agonized in view of the awful wickedness of the Seminary.

Sept 5 Troy, Marion County, Ohio. I came to this place the last week in June to spend the vacation with Br. Fancher. My principal employment during the week are the study of medicine, and teaching of singing, on the Sabbath delivering missionary addresses.

12 Yesterday morning in the absence of Mr. Fancher, I addressed his congregation. I am drawing some maps, showing the moral condition of the world to be put into the hands of ministers in this vicinity.

18 Just returned from visiting a S S five miles from town and found it in an interesting state and I spoke on the State of the heathen. To-morrow I leave Troy for Cincinnati and stop at Hamilton to attend the meeting of the Cincinnati presbytery. Have enjoyed myself well in Troy, so far as the kindness of the people is concerned. Since coming here I have delivered eleven addresses on missions and one on temperance, besides speaking in S S's and in prayer meetings. In doing this I have travelled about one hundred twenty miles.

25 Walmut Hills. Last Thursday arrived in this place. Term commences a week from tomorrow. I feel but little strength of purpose for anything, but I intend to make the coming week one of preparation.

Nov 13 The time has arrived when it seems advisable that I should offer myself to the Board. I desire not to do this without a proper sense of the solemnity of such a transaction. I cannot feel otherwise than that it is my dutybto go the heathen. The evidence that the will of God is such has been constantly accumulating for five years. During the coming week I intend to go over the whole ground of this evidence so as to have them distinctly before my mind, (Editor's Note: Here follows four pages in which he lays before himself the various reasons why he should go as a missionary, including a review of his own spiritual experience.)

Nov 27 Yesterday morning I put into the hands of Mr. Bullard a letter for the Board offering myself to them as a candidate for missionary service. Today my S S has been moved to the school house. I distributed among the children missionary papers which excited considerable interest. This morning the seminary chapel was dedicated.

YEAR 1837

Mar 11 God is reviving his work in various parts of the U. S. A more decided prospect of general revival than has been seen before since 1831, several colleges visited by the spirit. I long to see this work go forward, when I can pray for nothing

else. I find I have had to exercise patience and confidence in God in respect to fixing my destination. Have been expecting a letter for two weeks from which I hope to learn whether A's state of health will prove a hindrance to our going on a mission.

12 Just received a letter from Mr. Armstrong notifying me of my appointment as a missionary of the ABCFM. Thus the cause of yesterday's solicitude is today removed, but it was not removed till I had been led to derive benefit from it. It had been a good trial of my patience.

Apr 23 Last Thursday, April 20, I received a license from the Presbytery of Cincinnati to preach the Gospel. Have but a slight sense of what it is to be an Ambassador of Christ. During the two weeks passed, I think I have been coming into a better state of feeling, and have more singleness of purpose. Still I find myself far away from the spot I ought to be in. Expect to go this week to Troy, Ohio to attend a Communion season with Br. Fancher.

May 5 Returned today from Troy, having been absent 9 days and preached four times. It was evident to myself that I had the assistance of the Holy Spirit. Have felt a great shrinking back from assuming the responsibilities of the ministry.

19 Yesterday I was appointed as an agent of the Board for Missions. (See July 18 below)

June 16 There has been for three or four weeks a very interesting state of feeling in the Seminary congregation, Christians searched and humbled and sinners converted. About half a dozen have entertained hope and others are deeply anxious.

July 2 Have today dissolved my connection with the S S in Fulton. It is about a year and a half that I have been connected with it as a superintendent. The revival in the seminary congregation continues to advance. Anniversaries take place on Tuesday next. Have received a letter from Br. Enoch the last week stating that he has had an attack of bleeding at the lungs.

12 Last Tuesday, the 4th, I closed my preparatory studies. It will be 11 years next September since I commenced preparation for the college. Since that time I have taught a district or select schools six winters and an academy two years.

18. Today I commenced labor in Cinninnati as a City Missionary. I had been appointed as an agent of the Board of Missions, but it was thought advisable on the whole to engage in the mission work here.

Aug 7 Have now been engaged in the city nearly three weeks; have preached 8 times, visited some, and distributed tracts and Bibles. One hopeful conversion and three or four cases of seriousness.

21 Preached four times and attended two prayer meetings. I think the feeling has increased in three cases known last week, and one new case of apparent anxiety has come to my knowledge and one or two manifest some disposition to seek religion. A prayer meeting is to be commenced this evening for those who feel their hearts somewhat in the work.

Sept 14 One indication of a better state of things is the fact that I feel my main dependence for success to be in prayer. I attach a higher value to the prayers of Christians than usual. There is a decided increase of interest in the select prayer meeting.

My grandmother Caswell died July 12, 1837, aged 95 years, 5 months, 17 days.

25 Have felt some times during the past week that I could not live without seeing a revival of religion. There is a revival in Delhi, four miles from the city. Oh, shall we see the work here?

Oct 16 Have set apart this forenoon for prayer and self-examination. During two weeks past there have been three cases of hope, two mothers and one boy about 14 years of age. There have now been six decided cases of hope, three or four doubtful and several Christians quickened since the commencement of my labors. There are now several cases of anxiety. During the past week, I have not enjoyed as ready access to the throne of grace as at some other time. On the whole I felt my heart engaged in the work before me with alacrity and delight. I have now 16 persons engaged in tract distribution.

Dec 1 The Lord manifestly is in this city, reviving His children, recovering back-sliders and converting sinners. The work commenced some weeks since in one of the Methodist churches, then in the third church where have been about 40 hopeful conversions; for two weeks it has been evidently progressin in the second church and now apparently just commencing in the sixth. There are also tokens of God's presence in the other churches * * *.

A few months since I mailed a $50 note for Anna which I suppose has been lost. I have prayed that I might know what God would teach me by this. Today I have mailed $20 more, and feeling some solicitude for its safe arrival, I presented the matter to God in Prayer this evening. As I began to pray I suddenly recollect that I had not before brought the case to God and perhaps this was the very lesson that God designed to teach me by permitting the money to be lost, viz: that in all things I should come to God for His blessing.

8 Have set apart this day for fasting and prayer. I have a feeling some degree that I am poor, blind and naked. My mind is so blinded by sin that I cannot see my sins with any distinctness. I feel the conviction deeply impressed upon my mind that if I were more spiritually minded, I should see very clearly the heinous nature of my sins. For some time after my conversion, I was quick to detect the least sin and to repent of it, but now it is not so * * * . The grand, comprehensive sign

of spirituality is a realization of the truth., a sense of the soul corresponding to the reality of things. The heart beats in unison with the intellectual perception of the truth. What we learn of truth from the Bible the soul realizes to be such. (Editor's Note: He now records three pages of examining his own mind as to realizing the truth.)

Dec 15 I feel that I do not attend with sufficient faithfulness to my secret devotions, do not keep near to God, and am not refreshed. The main cause of this is rising too late. Therefore, resolve that I will endeavor always to be in bed for 10 o'clock at night and to enter into no discussions in the evening which will have a tendency to hinder me from enjoying quiet sleep; and to rise on first waking in the morning provided it be as late as 5 o'clock. I will spend the morning till 8 o'clock, except that occupied by breakfast, in reading the scripture, prayer and meditation. From 12 to 1 shall be devoted to studying the Bible and prayer. I will attend to nothing after 9 P. M. but my secret devotions. ***. On the whole, although interrupted in the morning by Br.C. Calling, and though I unintentionally spent the whole afternoon in visits, the day has been a good one to my soul. I feel that I shall attend for a few days at least to my secret devotions more faithfully than formerly. But former resolutions have always gradually lost their force and I suppose these will. But I hope they will be made over again.

YEAR 1838

Jan 5 I find in myself a strong tendency to be contented and satisfied with myself if on the hole I can feel that I am a little more pious than others. I compare myself with others and not with the law of God. I satisfy my conscience by the thought that it could hardly be expected that I should obey perfectly. I am not ready to admit to myself my own guilt. I neglect to measure my actions by the law of God.

17 Returned yesterday from Hamilton where I went last Friday to spend the Sabbath. I think I can clearly see the hand of God in it all. Br. Packard wrote Prof. Biggs week before last to come and administer the Sacrament last Sabbath and to have me come too. Prof. B. could not go, but requested me to go, not reflecting that Br. P. was not ordained and could not administer the Sacrament. I wrote Br. P. last Monday week that I would come and he wrote back not to come, but by mistake directed it to Jonathan Caswell. I went and he was sorry to see me. But see how the Lord has ordered it. We went to visiting and soon found the clearest indication of the presence of the Spirit, especially in the S S. The experience the Lord had given me enabled me more readily to detect the indications than Br. P. The result is that they commenced morning prayer meetings yesterday morning with from 40 to 50 persons. I trust the Lord is about to do a great work. (Editor's Note: Several pages are filled with a review of his work as City missionary and his achievements all of which is of but little interest, except to show his habit of self-analysis.)

June 8 Some weeks since I received notice of my designation to Siam as my field of labor among the heathen. With this I am perfectly satisfied. May I be prepared to go in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace.

July 22 I closed my labors as city missionary on the 29th of last month and am now employed as an agent of the American Board. This evening I have read the report of my labors for the past year in Dr. Beecher's church *** . My work is done, and though full of imperfections, yet I rejoice in them. Oh, is it not a cause of rejoicing to be permitted to hope that one has been instrumental in guiding from 15 to 20 adults, most of them in the highways and hedges, and from 75 to 100 children to the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world."

Sept 23 Sabbath. This evening I am ordained as an Evangelist. May the Lord prepare me for the solemnities of the occasion.
Evening. The work is done. I have this evening been set apart to the Gospel Ministry by prayer and the laying on the hands of the Presbytery of Cincinnati.
(Editor's Note: Between the last date and the next there are no entries.)

YEAR 1839

Apr 21 Middletown, Vt. I returned to Vermont last November and have spent most of my time since in Middletown where a revival commenced soon after my arrival which has gradually progressed until the present time. I have reason to believe that the Lord has made me instrumental of the conversion of a number of souls here.

Last Sabbath evening, April 14, I was married to Miss Anna Turrill Hemenway of Shoreham, Vermont. At the same time her Brother Asa was married to Miss Lucia Hunt of the same place. The next day we, together with Messrs. Peet, French and Benham and their wives, received at Middlebury our instructions as Missionary to Siam. The time of our sailing, though not fixed definitely, is probably near. May we be filled with the Holy Ghost and thus be qualified for the work we have assigned to us. (Editor's Note: No entries between these two dates.)

July 26 On board the ship "Arno" bound for Siam. We left Union Wharf in Boston on Saturday, the 6th inst. about noon in tow of the steamer "Thorn" which took us out about 10 miles where we anchored in Nantasket Roads, till Sabbath 3 P. M. when we set sail. We are now nearly three weeks out and have sailed about 2,000 miles. The Capt. whose name is Nott, is a son of Mr. Nott, one of the first company of missionaries who went out from the U. S. The passengers, 14 in number, are Messrs. Benham, French, Hemenway, Peet, and myself and our wives, Misses Pierce and Taylor and a son of Mr. Hill, the treasurer of the Board and a Malay woman who accompanied the children of Mr. Jones to America.

(Editor's Note: The above is the only entry pertaining to the voyage.

Oct 31 Singapore. We arrived in this place on the 23rd inst., 109 days from Boston. From Boston to Java Head we were 98 days. From Boston To Singapore we have sailed about 15,000 miles. We have hired a house here and are waiting for an opportunity of proceeding to Siam.

Nov 3 Today a Chinaman was baptized. He was formerly teacher of Mr. Jones of the Baptist Mission, Siam. He is at present teacher of Mr. Orr, a missionary of the Presbyterian General Assembly's Board. He is about 45 years of age, and was baptized by Mr. Orr. Tomorrow we are to commence the study of Siamese, under the instruction of Nai Dit, who has been teacher of several missionaries and is professedly a Christian.

YEAR 1840

Jan 1 This day at half past four in the morning we arrived in Bangkok. We left Singapore harbor on the evening of December 12, and we anchored in the Gulf of Siam outside the bar of the Menam on the 28th, where we remained till yesterday 4 P.M. when we left the ship. It was just one hundred seventy-nine days since we left the wharf in Boston. Thus we are permitted to commence our residence in Siam with the first day of A. D; 1840. Myself and wife and Miss Pierce reside in Dr. Bradley's house and Br. H. and wife in Mr. Robinson's

Feb 1 This day Br. Hemenway and myself commenced keeping house in a house formerly occupied by Mr. Robinson and owned by Mr. Hunter.

20 A son was born to us this day about 1 o'clock P. M.

Mar 1 Our boy was this day baptized by the name of Francis Hemenway.

Apr. 6 This day Br. Benham was drowned.

May 28 Today Br's French and Peet with their wives reached Bangkok.

July 30 Mrs. Benham's infant daughter, aged about 3 weeks died of the smallpox.
(Editor's Note: There is only one minor entry between the above date and the close of the year.)

YEAR 1841

Jan 1 Last night about 11 o'clock Dr. Bradley and I returned from a tour of 8 days to Ayuthia. It has been, I think, a profitable four to me in a spiritual point of view. I feel

some desire and purpose to commence and spend this year in more devotedness to God. I feel little disposition to form new resolutions. I feel however that I must devote more attention to the study of the Bible, be more systematic and laborious in acquiring the language and engage in some extent in the distribution of tracts and preaching the Gospel as I may be able.

4 The annual fast for the conversion of the world. Word came from the Praklang this morning that it would not be pleasing to the King hereafter for the missionaries to travel north without special permission. Whether this movement is intended as a stopper upon all travelling in the interior remains to be seen.

One thing in which I have most failed of during the last year has been in my devotional exercises. I am resolved during the coming year to have three stated seasons of secret devotion daily. I will in all ordinary cases arise as soon as I first hear the voice of crows in the morning and repair to my closet and spend the time till breakfast in devotional exercises and the study of the Bible. At 12 o'clock, I will have another season of prayer and also directly after tea.
I am resolved also to observe the first Monday of each month strictly as day of fasting and prayer, eating nothing from breakfast till supper, until I see it to be my duty to relax in this respect. At each season of this kind, I will examine myself with reference to the above resolution and seek to conform myself to it.

12 Yesterday went to Paknam with Br. French for the purpose of surveying the river and distributing tracts. Returned today.

Jan 25 On the 19th inst. started with Br. Peet for the Tachin River for exploring and distributing of tracts. Returned Saturday, the 23rd, having explored that river from its mouth to Maconchasi and distributed 569 Siamese and 51 Peguan tracts. The night before my return our house was entered by a thief who took my writing desk, Mrs. C's work box, a bed quilt and a hat.

Feb 21 Two weeks since I began systematic distribution of tracts to boats coming from abroad. I feel much encouraged, as a wide field opens. Since beginning this labor, I have had some spirit of prayer . Felt confirmed in my purpose to persevere in the work of visiting boats. Visited four wats this P. M. and distributed 80 copies of "Patty Parsons."

May 3 I have now the following departments of labor before me: 1. The instruction of Yim. 2. That of my servants. 3. A scientific lecture three evenings a week to the servants of the mission. 4. Block cutting for maps. 5. Tract distribution.

Aug 30 On the 14th of July, I moved to the Tract House where I am now residing. On the 23rd inst. I began the daily preaching of the Gospel under my veranda. I spend the hour from 10 to 11 A. M. in this exercise. Since the commencement of this practice, I have had more spiritual enjoyment.

Sept 4 It is now two weeks since I commenced daily preaching under the veranda. Every other day I distribute tracts in connection with preaching. Today was our meeting preparatory to the Sacrament. It was remarked by almost all that there seems to be

unusual solemnity among the servants. I think I perceive it very plainly in my own family. Buah and Yoi, two employed in the printing office, have this week offered themselves to the church. May they prove true followers of Christ.

Oct. 3 Today was the day appointed by our church for the reception of Buah and Yoi. Buah was present, but as Yoi did not appear, he declined receiving baptism, probably for the want of moral courage. Two others, Nim and Mo stand propounded for admission on the first Sabbath in November. May the Lord give strength to those who are really his children that they may come out and publicly take the vows of God on themselves. Such trials and disappointments as these are severe trials of faith of the missionary. He labors long and hard and when he sees a little fruit, apparently ready for the harvest, he rejoices in the hope that God is about to bless his labors. But the fruit drops from his hand while in the act of gathering it. This is a sore trial but doubtless a salutary one.

YEAR 1842

Feb 14 This morning at 20 minutes past 12 Br. H. S. G. French, after a sickness of several months was taken, we trust, to the bosom of His Savior.

Mar 6 Today Mo was received to the church. May this be the beginning of days. This is the first native baptized by our mission.

8 This evening I have been deeply affected by some disclosure of feeling in regard to religion among the servants of my family of which I was not before aware. The wife of my teacher, who is our cook, mentioned that one of the boys had told her that he meant to stay with me during the new year's holy days which are just at hand. The reasons seem to be that he loves to receive religious instruction and to avoid temptation. The cook also mentioned that she knew he had been in the habit of secret prayer for some time. She also, I have good reason to believe, thinks much on the subject of religion. Her acquaintances often, she says, reproach her as if already a disciple. She says she believes, but her heart is hard.

Mar 13 The Holy Days are over. The boy above named remained with us as also did the cook. The latter manifest increasing interest in religion. Her views of the depravity of the heart are quite clear. I think there is evidence that the spirit is striving with her.

Apr 6 Today moved over the river to spend the rest of the warm season and live with Mrs. French. Spend my days at the tract house to see that the school goes on right.

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June 14 Today moved in with Mrs. French with expectation of making her house a permanent residence. Found a residence at the tract house likely to prove prejudicial to health.

July 19 Our second son is born at 3 P. M.

Sept 4 Our child was baptized by Br. Hemenway, the name being George Shipman.

Oct 20 Today ---, the second son of ---, the boy's teacher, came to live with me. His father promises that he shall live with me three years. During the first year he is to receive one tical a month, the second a tical and a half, the third two ticals. Each month I am to retain half of his wages till the wages retained shall amount to 12 ticals. This is to be my pledge that he shall stay the full time. If he goes before the three years are up his father is to forfeit this money.

22 Today --- entered the service of the mission, is to remain two years and to receive two and a half ticals per month, one tical of which is to be retained each month until the money thus retained amounts to 8 ticals. This is to be forfeited by the master in case he shall take him away before the close of two years.

Dec 31 On the 15th of this month George was innoculated for the Small-pox. Yesterday Dr. Bradley's youngest child, Harriet, who took the disease the natural way, died. Today I conducted the funeral exercises. During the next six months I will be pastor of the church.

YEAR 1843

Jan 15 During the last week I have been sick with a fever, a fever longer protracted than any I have had in Siam. It continued without abatement for about 5 days.
(Editor's Note: There are but three casual entries from the last date to the following.)

Sept 2 Last evening returned from the bar, having been on board the ship "Advocate" 11 days with Mrs. C. and Francis.

Oct 14 When I returned from the bar I was sensible of no improvement in my health. I commenced living on the Graham system, as far as I have the means of doing here. I am now greatly improved.

YEAR 1844

Feb 3 About two weeks after the above was penned, I was taken sick and brought much lower than ever before. For five weeks I did not set foot on the ground and for most of that time seldom went from one room to another. Was first taken with fever and a slight pain in the right lumbar region.*** About

three weeks from the time of being taken I began almost imperceptibly to amend. From that time to this I have been greatly improved, but am still far from being in a state of health. *** Before I was taken sick my weight was reduced from 126 pounds to 119. Soon after I began to convalesce I weighed but 97.

Apr 7 Today for the first time in five months took my turn in preaching in English. Last Tuesday I commenced daily preaching at the tract house. Go so as to be there at 9 A.M. and leave at 10. My health is quite firm and my prospects for the enjoyment of health in the future seem to be better than ever before since my arrival in Siam.

June 7 Last night our house was broken open and two chests containing clothing and several other articles were taken, value not far from 100 ticals.

June 10 Last night an attempt to break in again was frustrated by our waiting. This season rice is very dear, from 90¢/to a dollar a pail. The consequence, many acts of theft and robbery.

Aug 18 Commenced a Sabbath school with the children of the mission. I am to teach the two older children and Mrs. C. the three younger.

Sept 22 Today Miss Mary E. Pierce departed this life at 8 o'clock A. M. (Editor's Note: There are no entries until the next one given.)

YEAR 1845

Jan 25 Last month on the 9th I left in company with Br. Johnson on a tour to Petchaburi, Rathaburi, Ban Chang and Meklong. We were absent ten days. On the 20th inst. went with Mrs. C. and the children to Samkok and returned the next day. Yesterday I visited Talatk'uan and Talatk'eu. Distributed about thirty bound volumes and perhaps fifty tracts. Addressed with more or less fullness about 75 adults.

Mar 15 Today received a letter which brings news of my father's death. He died June 4, 1844, aged 69 years, one month and four days. All the four sons of my grandfather are now dead, but the six daughters, so far as I know are all alive. The sons died at the ages of 70, 70, 69, 47. The ages of the daughters are now 85, 82, 73, 68, 64, and 60. My grandfather died at the age of 89 and my grandmother at the age of 95.

(Editor's Note: Here Mr. Caswell breaks off from the chronological entries to give what he calls "A History of my View on the Doctrine of Christian Perfection."

This subject was the cause of a controversy which eventually led to his resignation from the mission, but this is the first mention thereof-. Doubtless he did not record

certain incidents when they occurred, either because they were untoward in character or because their significance was more in the atmosphere created, which could not be reduced to words. By this date however, that atmosphere had become heavy with approaching storm, so that all the past events began to take on an ominous meaning. In order to justify his future course he now reviews the sequence of these happenings.

The editor hesitates to reduce this history to a brief abstract, for it is not easy thus to give an accurate interpretation of his views. On the other hand he hesitates more to give the story in full, containing as it does 8 pages of manuscript, closely argumented with old style theological polemics. Yet it must be recognized that at this distance of time the whole affair appears to be a nimor eposode in the theological controversy of the period and for that reason a full transcription would magnify the affair out of proportion and give an exagerated importance. On the whole it seems best to give a succinct review of his own story, but without quotation.

The origin of his interest in the subject goes back to a date shortly after his arrival when Dr. Bradly preached a sermon on this topic, prompted by articles in the "Oberlin Evangelist." Soon afterwards Mr. Hemenway preached in opposition. In due time Mr. Caswell followed with a sermon maintaining "God is Willing to Bestow Complete Sanctification at the Present Time on All Who Ask for It, in the Exercise of Appropriate Faith." This sermon elicited a great deal of bad feeling from several members of the mission.

Some time later Mr. Caswell preached another sermon in which he "advocated the view of Roman 7:14-25 held by Prof. Stewart." This produced great excitement. Mr. Buell, a missionary of the Presbyterian Board, threatened to leave the house of worship if he preached on that subject again. During all this time there was more or less private conversation and even exchange of letters upon the difference of opinion. But for two years Mr. Caswell refrained from public discussion of the subject in the pulpit. Then in October 1844 he preached on the subject of"Doubt" and shortly after upon the subject of "Promises," both of which touched upon the controversial grounds.

On February 18, 1845 Mr. Stephen Johnson wrote to the secretary of the ABCFM informing him of the view advocated by Dr. Bradley and Mr. Caswell and expressing the conviction that the Board ought to withdraw its support from the two men. Although the letter was signed only by Mr. Johnson, yet it was understood that approval was given by Hemenway, Peet and Robinson. Mr. Caswell and Dr. Bradley were permitted to see the letter before it was sent and they on their part wrote a letter in self-defense interpreting their beliefs. Mr. Caswell maintained that he did not hold belief in sinless perfection, but that he did believe it to be within a Christian's power

"to do the whole known will of God," and further disclaimed various theological inferences. A copy of this letter Mr. Caswell sent also to the Presbytery of Cincinnati of which body he was still a member. A Subsequent sermon by Mr. Caswell on "union of believers" was interpreted as a plea for the missionaries to stand together and it met a rejoinder by Mr. Peet who maintained that false teachers should be cut off.

This account of the affair brings the situation up to date and the sequence will disclose itself as the journal proceeds.)

June 1 How long have I halted between two opinions. Most of the time since I have been in this country I have not been in a state of mind in which I could say "Oh, Lord my heart is fixed." I have not felt that I could say that I was determined to serve God with all my ability. Long have I waited for an impulse, an outpouring of the spirit that should set my will right. But I have waited in vain. God has withheld His Spirit. Why, Because I was waiting for God to do for me that which I must do myself. God never compels.

Today without any unusual feeling I have resolved that I would do the whole will of God. When the decision was made, it was the slightest balancing conceivable, but the scale prepondered it to the side of right. But after I had decided I felt stronger.

8 Sabbath evening. This afternoon I preadhed from Roman's 3:31. My object, as stated in my preface, was to vindicate myself from the charge of lowering the law of God. ***. I do not feel conscious of preparing it in the spirit of strife, though I do not feel so clearly as I wish I could that my motive was purely the glory of God. ***. Soon after starting the subject of my discourse, Mrs. Robinson arose and left the chapel and in a minute or two after Mr. Robinson and his children and Br. Hemenway. Reflection leads me to conclude that Mrs. Robinson left on account of her infant. Brothers Bradley, Johnson, Peet and Goddard remained and heard the discourse through.

10 Evening. My soul has been much weighed down today with my trials, especially that Br. H. should have been one that left the chapel while I was preaching yesterday.

14 Had set apart this day for fasting and prayer. Have endeavored to find out the sins that separate between me and God. * * *.

When I had commenced this last entry I received a message from Chao Fa Yai, offering me the use of a building near his wat as a place for preaching and distributing tracts, on condition that I would teach him English a little now and then. Is the hand of the Lord to be seen here.

15 Today witnesses a new trial. Br. Goddard has come out in opposition to the view of the law I presented last Sabbath and also against the views Dr. Bradley and myself hold respecting perfection.

16 Today went to converse with Chao Fa Yai about the proposal made last Saturday. There is a long one story brick building, divided off into romms of a convenient size to be occupied by families. They are wholly new. He gave me my choice in them and offered to do off the room I selected according to my taste. I am to spend a little time in teaching him English. He seems to have been stirred up to make this proposal by having lately received letters from Ceylon written in English language. Perhaps the English is to be the language of inter-communication among all these nations. C. F. remarked that the Ceylonese are learning the English very much. Another priest informed me that the reason the Ceylonese study English so much is that all good English scholars get offices under the government. Here we see the working of Sr. Henry Hardings' plan.

29. Since Brs. R. and H. left the chapel while I was preaching I have neglected to call upon them. But I see that this neglect arises from a wrong spirit. I am resolved upon a different course.

July 1 Today commenced teaching a class in English in Chao Fa's wat. Am to teach from 9 to 10 A. M. The class consists of about 15, one third of whom are priests and the rest laymen. Am to teach Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays.

8. My English class has gradually increased, till now there are about 25 engaged in it. They are altogether at once however. I do not usually get through before 10½ A. M. The room where I am to preach is not yet got done, but hope it may be done in three or four days.

10 Chao Fa says that a Catholic priest lately advised him not to study English as it would spoil his pronunciation of Latin. Yesterday I learned from some priests who belonged to one of the liberal school wats that Chao Fa has sent an invitation to their wat that if any wish to study English they should come and receive lessons at his wat. They remarked that there were several who wished to learn but, it being a great distance, the head priest of their wat had decided to teach them himself. How much English he may have picked up I cannot say.

13 For some time I have had but little fresh religious experience. Lord Jesus, show me I pray thee, the cause. Why is it that my religion soon degenerates into a form. Oh, make me again to hear by voice that I may rejoice in thee.

14 Today commenced labors at the room provided by Chao Fa.

Aug 2 This day Mrs. Bradley entered on her eternal rest.

8 Have suspended my exercise at the floating house since the 4th inst. that I may have a longer time at my room over in the city. I usually have a good number of hearers.

24 My state of mind for some time past has been characterized by great insensibility to truth. There is scarcely any truth that my mind embraces with special interest. Of late, however, I have been a little more than usually interested in examining the Abrahamic convenent.

26 Today had a greater number than usual at my room in the city, and had more than usual facility in addressing them. Those who called upon me there are generally disposed to listen more particularly and longer than those to whom I used to preach at the tract house. But I have ceased to a considerable extent to trust in appearances. I feel encouraged, namely from the fact that the finger of God was so plainly to be seen pointing out this as my field of labor. I take comfort in my labors, because I feel a good degree of assurance that I am doing what God would have me do.

Sept 22 Rainy. Had but two hearers, but thought I saw more evidence of the working of the spirit than I have before seen at the place I am now preaching at. There is a lad about 16 years old who is present almost every time I preach and very attentive. He has read the evangelical catechism, the tract on killing animals, Life of Christ, Acts, Br. Jones' Old Testament History, and some others. Today, while I was talking on the importance of the new birth, he showed that he felt much, and with apparent emotion asked whether a person could believe in Jesus in secret. I replied I thought not. That we need not go about proclaiming that we are Christians, but that the heart will show itself in the outward conduct.

Nov 9 On the fourth inst. Br. Robinson and family left for Singapore whence they expect to go to the Cape of Good Hope for the benefit of his health. Today I commenced preaching to our servants in the Chapel, a service which Br. Robinson performed ever since we came to Siam. Br. Johnson went to Singapore about two months since in search for a wife. Tomorrow Br. Peet is to move to the upper compound when all of our mission who are now here will be together. The Lord is causing great changes among us. May we who remain be fitted for our work. (Editor's Note: There is a total omission of entries between these two dates.)

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Apr 24 On the 2nd of March, Br. Hemenway and family left for Singapore on account of his health. Br. Johnson had returned a few days before. For about two months past I have been much more stirred up in spiritual things than usual. I have had grace to be much more diligent in seeking after God and have sought successfully.

A few Sabbaths since I read a sermon from the "Oberlin Evangelist" in the Chapel, a good sermon and free from a controversial spirit. Afterwards Dr. Bradley read one also. This has stirred up the old spirit of opposition.

A few days since letters came from Dr. Anderson to Dr. Bradley, Br. Johnson and myself. They referred to the mission letter, but this has not yet come and so we are left a good

deal in the dark in respect to what the prudential committee have said. We have no reason, however, to think that they have said anything to encourage the views which Dr. Bradley and myself adopt.

May 18 For about two months I have not been to Chao Fa's wat, it being the hot season. Today I commenced going again.

June 10 Today about 4 o'clock the Lard permitted us to look upon a little daughter. May we have grace to dedicate her to Him and train her for His service.
Dr. Anderson's letter to the mission which came some time since informs us that the prudential committee intend to wait and look for the fruits of the views which Dr. Bradley and myself have embraced.

21 Yesterday Br. Hemenway and family arrived from Singapore. With them came a letter from Dr. Anderson which authorizes the prospective dissolution of the mission on condition that Br. Robinson and Hemenway are willing to go to the Sandwich Islands. In that case Brs. Johnson and Peet are to go to China and Dr. Bradley and myself to return home. But Br. Robinson has already embarked for the United States and Br. Hemenway has written the prudential committee urging them not to disband the mission.

Aug 12 Brs. Johnson and Peet left for Singapore whence they are to go to China.

Sept 6 Our daughter, Martha Malvina, was today baptized.

Dec 14 Br. Jenks arrived today.

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Feb 12 Dr. Bradley and family left for the U. S. A.

22 Started on a tour of Meklong and returned on the 26th. Distributed Siamese tracts 1460, volume 117, Peguan tracts 24, volume 50.

Mar 20 Dr. S. R. House arrived in Bangkok and after two days more Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon, all of the Presbyterian Board.

May 4 Mr. Hemenway's son, Edward, born this day.
(Editor's Note: There is an omission of entries to the following date.)

Nov 19 This morning about half past one o'clock the Lard permitted us to look upon another son (Stephen Jesse).

Dec 15 This day at quarter past 6 P. M. our dear son, George Shipman, died, His disease was inflammation of the bowels. His age, 5 years, 4 months, and 26 days.

Jan 12 Just a month before George was taken sick Martha was taken with a fever which ran 21 days. And then about the 12th of December she was taken with dysentery which grew worse and worse till the first of the present month. Now she is improving. Today we began to go out for daily trips on the river for her benefit and that of Mrs. Caswell.
(Editor's Note: No other items appear till the following date.)

Apr 16 On the 12th inst. a letter from Dr. Anderson was received dated December 15, 1847, informing me that at the request of Dr. Bradley his connection with the ABCFM and mine were dissolved. The Prudential committee worked upon Dr. Bradley's feeling till he consented to request a dismission. I have always been decided against making such a request. As it is the committee makes no statement of reasons which lead them to decide on cutting us off. The reason which will go before the public will be simply our request.

June 7 Yesterday I received a letter from Dr. Bradley stating that he had transferred our relations to the American Missionary Association and that my salary, $650, would commence with the date of my assent to the transfer. For the sake of convenience I shall continue under the ABCFM till the close of this month which will finish the first half of the year.

8 Yesterday 11 of the leaders in the late rebellion among the Chinese were executed. By the ship which arrived on the 6th inst, we learn that a British man-of-war and a steamer are to be here soon to attend to the adjustment of some difficulties between England and Siam.

July 1 Today I come under the American Missionary Society. I have recently heard of the death of my mother but when and how I have not learned.

Aug 17 Finish writing my Siamese and English dictionary which was commenced the 30th of last March. During the whole of this time by far the greatest part of my time and strength have been expended on this work. (Editor's Note: This is the final entry in Mr. Caswell's hournal. His death occurred September 25, 1848.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: These remaining pages have been culled from a "Commonplace Book" of Mr. Caswell).

I. "The Bangkok Record"

(Note: This was a journal begun by the ABCFM mission in 1844 and continued but a short time).

The subscription list is recorded showing 39 names in Siamese, and bulk subscriptions of 58 by the missionaries, making a grand total of 87 copies.

The "Table of Contents Vol I" is given as follows:

No. 1 Prospectus. Lightning and lightning rods. Tigers in Singapore. A large tusk. Rebellion in China. A flood in China. A Shipwreck. Sugar in Pinang. Haugua. Proverbs. Recipe for ointment. Prices Current.

No. 2 Siamese and Kamti compared. Price of steamboats. Government of the U. S. Killed. Royal visits. Battle of Gualior. News from China and Singapore. Age of Kingdom of France. Warships now made of iron. Shelves in the library in England 10 miles long. Amount of corn raised in the U. S. in 1842. Price of sugar in N.Y. Bibles in 82 languages in the Royal Library England. Whaleships U. S. Population of Prussia. Steamer sold in China. A large steamboat. Death of King of Sweden. Rates of interest in U. S. Lotions. Prices current.

No. 3 The atmosphere. Carrier pigeons. Lowell cottons. A large bird. Price of steamboats again. Sheep in England and U. S. Arabian horses. Vaccination successful in Siam. Treatment of ulcers. Prices current.

No. 4 Atmosphere-pumps. Small pox in Calcutta. Lord Eli recalled. Robberies in Pinang. Aged people in Russia. Toleration in Turkey. Connecticut clocks. Abolition of slavery in French colonies. Emperor of Russia visits England. Steamboats in Burmah. Proverbs. Treatment of ulcers. Vaccination prosperous. To the blind.

II. "Rules for the Promotion of Union"

1. Let me cultivate a meek and quiet spirit.
2. Let me never make a remark which may injure the feeling of any, except when duty requires it.
3. When compelled by duty to say that which is in opposition to the views and feelings of others, let it be done in such a way as to show that I regret the existance of the necessity.
4. Let me be exceedingly careful never to make invidious remarks in regard to the domestic arrangements of others.
5. Never give advice unasked; and when asked, let it be given in such a way as to leave the impression that I do not consider him who receives it under obligation to follow it.
6. Let me learn the peculiar constitutional characteristics of each of the individuals of the mission and order my words and actions in reference to them.
7. Let me study the character of those men who most seldom give offense and imitate their example.
8. Let me never urge a measure of small importance which any, or at least a considerable minority, oppose.
9. Let me mark the actions and expressions of others which give me unpleasant feelings and avoid them in my own practise.
10. Let it be a standing rule to sacrifice everything but principle for union.

III. "Things in the Circumstances of Missionaries Which Call for an Exercise of Special Grace."

1. They are usually a company of young persons and are consequently prone to rash and headstrong deportment.
2. They are destitue of that restraining and guiding influence exercised by age.
3. They are destitute of that bond of union constituted by elderly persons (mutual understanding ?).
4. The mode of their support, and the fewness of their numbers are calculated to beget censoriousness and meddling spirit.
5. The change of climate renders them more susceptible to the influence of temptation than otherwise they would be.
6. They are to give character to the religion introduced by them and consequently there is a greater danger from mistake.
7. The fact that they are pioneers, and can and must give form to religion begets in some a disposition to bring forward new things, and in others a strong tendency to oppose anything like an innovation.

IV "Account of a Visit to Quasien's at Rapri Sept 14 1844"

Sat 14. Arrived at the house of Quasien, about half an hour ride below the town or Rapri. Staid about an hour and then went on to the town and returned for the evening.

Sun 15. Spent the day at Q's school house. Preached at 10 o'clock and had considerable conversation with individuals through the day.

Mon 16. Returned to the town and spent the day in preaching and distributing tracts at several points on each side of the river and at evening returned to Q's.

Remarks: "Quasien is evidently exerting a good influence. I was much pleased with the humility and docility and sincerity which he manifested. He resided in the same house with the husband of his wife's sister. Has erected a school house, 40 or 50 rods from his dwelling, the labor of putting up being performed by the neighbors gratuitously. In this school house he has prayers every evening, besides praying with his scholars, who are now seven in number. ***? The men are all away at present but numbers of the female Cambodians and children attend these evening services. Q. understands the Cambodian language, and expounds the scripture to the females in that language.*** A brother of Quasien's wife, about 18 years of age, seems to give serdous attention to instruction."

V. Notes on Contact with Chao Fa Yai During Tutorship.
(EDITOR'S NOTE: This tutorship began July 1 1845. See Journal)

Jul 29 1845. Had some interesting conversation with Chao Fa Yai today, respecting the false or pretended miracles so common among heathen and R. Catholics.

He remarked that about a hundred years ago when the Peguans were in power the Peguan King, wishing to ascertain the correct pronunciation of the Pali language, collected together priests from the Peguans, Burmans, Siamese and Laos, and required them to decide the question.

But when they were unable to do so, the King commanded to prepare four floating houses, one for each class of priests,

and placing the priests in them required them to read Pali, each class according to its own custom of pronunciation. He declared that the floating house that should move up-stream of itself, the pronunciation of those priests should be the true pronunciation.

After arranging the floating houses their cables were cut, and all of them except that which contained the Peguans floated down stream, thus deciding the question in favor of the Peguans.

"And how was this miracles performed?" Asked C F. "Simply by ropes fastened under the Peguan priests house and drawn under water for a long distance."

He then related what he had heard the R Cs say of the way it was ascertained which of the three crosses it was on which the Savior was crucified, and remarked that the two cases were precisely similar.

I remarked that if we would learn the truth respecting such questions as that relating to the correct pronunciation of an ancient language, we must come at it by using the power of the mind, which was possible, and not by seeking miraculous signs. While I was making this remark he turned to his attendents with a smile, which seemed to say 'this is just what I have all along been teaching you.'

Sep 10 1845. I feel increasing interest in my labors at the Wat. C.F.'s interest in the study of English as yet does not diminish at all. The young men in the Wat occasionally get tired but a word from C.F. stirs them up again. C F is reading the Bible with interest. He has not missed one lesson since I began the first of July.

My audiences at my room are always attentive, none boisterous--or almost none. I have met only two persons who tried my patience at all. I do not given away books there. Those who call seem to love to listen. Usually they stay till I dismises them.

Sep 11 1845. Advantages of teaching at the Wat:
1. Secures the respect of C F and his priests.
2. Impart knowledge of the English.
3. Impart religious instruction indirectly.
4. Gain influence with the inmates of the other Wats.
5. Get a good preaching place.
6. Respectfully audiences.
7. Knowledge of the language and customs.

Sep 17 1845. One advantage of teaching in C F's. Wat is that I shall be likely to well informed respecting the peculiar view of that school of priests. If there is any in Siam capable of raising plausible objections against the Christian religion, they are C F and those of his party. The others are too lazy to think.

I have had an illustration of the justness of these views. C F was speaking respecting the spherical form of the earth. He remarked that the Evangelists probably believed the earth to be flat, for they say that Jesus was taken up into a high mountain and shown all the kingdoms of the earth. Now, such an objection if not met, might work immense harm.

Oct 11 1845. Of late C.F. has frequently opened the way for conversation on religion, particularly by way of answering infidel objections.

Today he asked why God brought Gaudama and Mahomed into existince who, according to us, have led away such multitudes of the heathen race and so completely doluded them that it is almost impossible to convert them.

I remarked that we can know but little of God's reason for doing this or that, beyond what he has revealed. He has declared why He raised up Phraoh, viz: to show His glory. So he may have suffered these religions to prevail so as to display his power in removing them. A king may know of the first movement of a rebellion and at the same time suffer it to go on and gather strength so that he may have an opportunity of more illustriously displaying his power of quolling it.

Jan 2 1845. I am getting a clearer insight into the New School priests. There seems to me to be some, at least, of praisworthy feeling lying at the foundation of the party.

From conversation recently with Chao Fa and one of his head priests, I infer that there is a strong tendency to rank atheistical views. When informed that those who embrace such views in Christian countries.are usually the vilest class, they replied that it is not so here. That the body of the priesthood are constantly filching the people of the little that own by telling them that giving to the priests will merit heaven, while not giving exposes them to hell. That there is a class who pity the common people and dislike this kind of teaching. And seeing that heaven and hell are used in this way, they (the new school) are disposed not to use these sanctions at all and to slide over the whole subject by saying to the people "if there be a heaven and a hell, a god, devils, future state etc., you will know it after death."

In conversation I yesterday had with C.F. I told him that there was a way of preaching in which these sanctions may be brought down to the people with full force and yet not be used to oppress the people at all. This is by directing the hearer to Christ, teaching him that he may be joined to Christ and abide in Him. If he does so, heaven is his reward; if not hell must be his portion. When the inquiry is made what must be done to abide in Christ, the great stress must be laid upon believing in him and an inferior place always given to outward works. Instead of exhorting men to make offerings to us, let us urge them to make their peace with Christ by confessing their sins to Him and forsaking them and trusting in his mercy.

He assented to this remark. He spoke of the two boundaries of the world; the influence of the civil government on the one hand and that of religious teachings on the other. The former takes cognizance of the outward conduct, the latter of the heart. The sanctions of the former are rewards and punishments in the present life. Those of the latter appeal to hopes and fears of men as relating to the future.

Memo: As soon as conveint opportunity, call his attention to the love of Christ as a motive to virtuous conduct.

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PREFACE

The Journal of Mr. Hemenway begins abruptly. Apparently it is in continuation of his practice of keeping a journal, which assumed greater importance in view of his contemplated departure from home and led to the preservation of this volume.

The entries terminate equally abruptly. For this there is no apparent reason. The last notes pertain to arrangements for sailing for Singapore, but there are no entries for the voyage itself nor even for the departure, although there are several pages left blank.

The record is conspicuous for lack of details. Possibly the journal was kept from a sense of duty and was more of a burden than a pleasure, and the indications are that he was a man of action rather than of reflection.

During the first several years the memoranda are both aparse and brief. During the last three years the entries are more regular but even here they are quite succinct. There is a want of fullness in certain events which may be characterized as laconic, notably in the record of ordination, marriage and arrival at Bangkok. These would be subjects on which it might be expected a man would make ample notes.

It is to be observed that occasionally in noting his tours to the outlying region he interposes the reference "see journal", which doubtless refers to a more lengthy narrative prepared as a report to the Mission Board, some of which might be found in the "Missionary Herald" for the period. The book itself is a thin board-covered account book, about ½ x 6½ x 8 inches.

The Journal of Mrs. Hemenway occupies two volumes similar to that of her husband, but the second one is only two-thirds full. Her recordings are quite voluble, although her dates of entry are even more irregular than Mr. Hemenway's, with long periods of the calendar unnoticed. The greater part of her writing is devoted to reminiscences and religious reflection. She had the habit of recalling events, especially deaths, on their anniversary and then jotting down her reflections; while any unusual turn of affairs would induce religious meditation of considerable length.

As common with all private journals there is quite a little in both of these that would not be worth the preserving by itself. In the case of Mrs. Hemenway, if the musings be omitted the residue would add but little information to the story of the mission. The keepers of journals in those days made them the depository of many a transient thought that they never would have considered worth repeating later.

If every entry in each of these journals were copied in full it would negative the value of the transcription. As they stand in the manuscript the reading of the full record becomes monotonous, and the irrelavent matter obscures the line of the story. The chief purpose of the editing has been to bring the narrative of events out in clear order and to disclose the work and character of the writers. Concerning the matters omitted it

needs to be said that nothing has been left out that vitally affects the history of the work or the family interest.

These two journals have a particular value for the history of the mission. That of Mr. Hemenway serves to fill in the details.especially for the years 1847-49 during which he was in charge of the work and when the mission of the ABCFM in Siam was disbanded. That of Mrs. Hemenway is of unique value in that it gives a cursory view of the domestic life of the missionaries of that day, with their alarms and anxieties, the sicknesses and deaths, their concern for the little children, the sense of isolation from home and the seldom communications received, and the stress and strain of living amidst a strange civilation by their own meager resources. Little of this phase of missionary experience has been preserved in its transient circumstances.

In one matter the journal of Mr. Hemenway is unexpectedly silent. It is familiar to those acquainted with the history of the mission that Dr. D B Bradley MD and Rev Jesse Caswell resigned from the ABCFM mission because of change in doctrinal views. Although Dr. Bradley in his journal records that the other members of the mission were opposed to the views of himself and Mr. Caswell, yet Mr. Hemenway makes but one slight and indirect reference to this controversy, viz: a brief comment on a letter from America expressing disapproval of the new doctrine.

In these journals as with all early travellers in Siam, proper names are spelled phonetically. That means each one attempted to Romanize the names according to his own ear. The result is not only that individuals differ in spelling the same name but that each writer varies his own spelling. In consequence it is difficult to identify names correctly for transcription.

For convenience the following signs are used. When matter has been omitted within the paragraph which is being quoted the symbol *** is used; but no symbol is used when full entries are omitted. In a few instances words are written in the Siamese character; in such case the symbol ### is substituted.

Very thin paper has been used to allow the making of four carbon copies along with the master copy at one typing. To offset the disadvantage in reading, blank pages are inserted between the typed pages.

To labor of making the typed copies has been most satisfactorily performed by the digital skill of Miss Mary Czech of the Troy Business College whose careful work has caused but few corrections to be made.

G.H.F.

Note: When this transcription was made the manuscript journals were in the possession of the grandchildren of Rev. and Mrs. Hemenway, Mr. E.H. Hemenway and Miss Clara Hemenway of Manchester Vt.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Rev. ASA HEMENWAY (b July 6 1810 - d Feb 26 1892) was born in Shoreham Vt, the son of Francis and Clara (Turril) Hemenway.

He recognized a distinct conversion which he dates Jan 1, 1826 and to which he frequently refers. Soon thereafter he decided to study for the ministry. He prepared for college at New ton Academy in the town of Shoreham and graduated at Middlebury College 1835, with the degree of A B. The alumni record ascribes to him the degree of AM but without date. His course in theology was taken at Andover Theological Seminary, Mass, in the years 1835-1838, graduating Sept 6 1838.

During the summer recess of 1836 he spent seven weeks as a missionary "among the desolations of Zion in New Hapshire". A portion of the recess of the next summer he served as colporteur in the town of Sandon N H. Immediately after graduation he served the church at Cornwall Vt for six weeks and then assisted the pastor at West Rutland in evangelism for five weeks. On Jan 22 1839 he was ordained to the to the Gospel ministry by a Congregational Council at Shoreham. On April 14 1839 he married Lucia Hunt of Shoreham. (Seebelow)

Having been appointed by the ABCFM as a missionary to Siam he received his instructions at Middlebury, April 15 1839, and shortly thereafter joined the company which sailed for Siam from Boston July 5 1839 on board the "Arno," Capt Nott, bound for Singapore. The date given is for the embarkation, but the vessel did not get away until the next day. The company consisted of, besides Mr. and Mrs. Hemenway, Rev. Jesse Caswell and wife, the latter being a sister of Mr. Hemenway, Rev. H.G.S. French and wife, Rev. L.B. Peet and wife, Rev. N.S. Benham and wife and Miss Pierce, all destined for the same field. Mention is made of a Mr. Hill who accompanied the party as far as Singapore, being the son of the treasurer of the ABCFM, as learned from other sources.

The voyage to Singapore occupied ninety days, arriving Oct 23. Here the party had to await suitable vessel for Bangkok, which meant a sojourn of nearly nine weeks for some of them and longer for the rest. Mr. and Mrs. Hemenway and a part of the company took passage on the "Kushrovie", Capt Jackson, Dec 13 and reached Bangkok Jan 1 1839. Here they were welcomed by the pioneers of the ABCFM, Rev. and Mrs. D B. Bradley MD, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, and Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Johnson; and also by the members of the Baptist mission, Rev. and Mrs. William Dean, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Davenport, Rev. and Mrs. C H Slafter, Rev. and Mrs. Josiah Goddard--While they had already been welcomed at Singapore by Rev. J T Jones of the Bangkok mission, then in that city.

The work of Mr. Hemenway in Siam is recorded in this journal. After a period of language study he took his place in the routine of the mission, distributing tracts and portion of the scripture; "street preaching" which was chiefly conversation on religion with the natives in the market places or temple yards; and tours into the outlying regions. He also took his turn as pastor of the mission church. Later he

undertook some work of translation, chiefly of religious stories. A list of his writings and translations will be found below. After Rev. D B Bradley MD left for the U S in January 1847, Mr. Hemen-way took charge of the mission press.

Journal entries in both his own and his wife's record shows that Mr. Hemenway suffered ill health considerably; his lungs were affected at times, and at times he was a victim of dysentery. Frequently he was prevented from work and once it was necessary to take a voyage to Singapore for recuperation.

When the ABCFM finally closed its work in Siam Mr. Hemenway had the chance to transfer to the Sandwich Islands, but the condition of his helth constrained him to resign and return to America. He left Siam Dec 30 1849 and reached home about the middle of July 1850, having been absent from America eleven years.

After returning to America Mr. Hemenway served as minister in various churches, mostly Congregational. The following is a list of his pastorates given in his own handwriting in a report to the Alumni Secretary of Andover Seminary:

East Whitehall N Y	Autumn 1850
Cornwall Vt	Winter 1850-1851
Ripton Vt	May 1851-Dec-1860
Keesville N Y (Pres)	Dec 1860-May-1864
Without Charge	May 1864-Jan-1865
Mooers N Y	Jan 1865-Apr-1868
West Hartford Vt and South Royalton Vt	Sep 1869-Jan-1871
Without Charge	Jan 1871-Sep-1871
East Chazy N Y	Sep 1871-Apr-1872

In a statement given by his son, Lewis, to the Andover Alumni, the South Royalton pastorate was for the period Jan-April 1871. After retirement from the ministry, his wife having died previously, Mr. Hemenway made his home with his son Lewis at Manchester, Vt, where he died and where his remains are buried.

An estimate of the character of the man is best given in given in several brief quotations from eulogies pronounced by intimate friends at the time of his death:

"His character was remarkable for the gentleness and for its genuine goodness, qualities which made him a power wherever he went."

"A man of beautiful John-like character."

"In all places where he preached he did good and faithful work for His Master, and he attracted to himself a large circle of friends who loved and valued him for his kind interest in their welfare and for his earnest purpose and Christian example."

"A man of fine scholarly attainments and a good preacher; but his special power lay in his sweet sincere spirit, his earnest purpose and rare Christian example."

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LUCIA HUNT HEMENWAY (b Nov 21 1810 d Nov 13 1864), the wife of Rev. Asa Hemenway, was the daughter of Samuel and Lucretia (Moore) Hunt of Shoreham Vt. The marriage occured April 14 1839.

The following children were born to the union:

Lewis Hunt	b Nov 20 1841	d Aug 30 1925
Clara Lucretia	b Nov 9 1844	d Jun 18 1870
Edward Asa	b May 4 1847	d Jun 2 1919

These children were born in Siam.

While there is no record of the school attainments of Mrs. Hemenway, her journal reveals a mind well-trained and developed as the result of education. Her writing possesses that crisp clear style which was so common in the period when the art of literary expression.was acquired largely from familiarity with the King James version of the Bible.

Nor can much be said about her work in the mission field. Before 1860 one finds little mention of the work which women did on the mission fields. The individual status of the wife in the present age is so commonplace that it is hard to realize that in previous years their personality was almost eclipsed in history and biography by their husbands. This is notably true in the case of wives of missionaries.

But one cannot read the journal of Mrs. Hemenway without perceiving that the inconspicuous work of the wife was of incalculable importance to the work of the husband. She went out as a wife and a dutiful wife she was; but her work as a housewife was as truly a part of the mission work as that of her husband. Without the wives missions had scarcely been possible, for few men could have endured life in the single state in strange lands dependent upon the domestic service of natives. Their strength and health depended in no small measure upon the physical comforts of the familiar home maintained by their helpmeet; and more than they themselves realized their courage and bouyant hopefulness depended upon the spiritual ministry of conjugal affection.

Although the journal shows Mrs. Hemenway to be a much occupied woman, rearing three children within that decade and having many an anxious hour concerning their safety amidst pestilence, yet it also shows her deeply interested in the spiritual work of her husband, sharing in it to the full measure of her heart and mind, prayer and faith.

The traits of character disclosed are gentleness and patience, simplicity of manner and devoutness of faith. She shows an inclination to phobism in the constant foreboding for the future, but at the same time she shows full appreciation of the blessings of life. One might imagine her to have been a lively conversationalist, judging from the volubility of her notes and her evident love of good companionship. She manifested a warm heart of sympathy for others in sorrow or in need; and among the few fragments of paper which she preserved and cherished were some pencillings of gratitude from a sister missionary about to depart for America, expressing belated thanks of one who had been comforted and supported in the loss of her husband by this good woman.

Mrs. Hemenway lived to enjoy the home land for a good number of years, but notwithstanding her fears for the early demise of her husband, she was the first to go, reaching the end of

life's journey some twenty-eight before her husband. She died at Burlington Vt.

LITERARY WORK.

The following works are named in Mr. Hemenway's journal, under dates given, as either his own production, translation, or printing from the mission press under his management:

Apr 5	1847	"Miner's Son and Mariner's Son"	Translated and Printed
" 10	"	"The Cptive of Ceylon"	" "
" 21	"	"Indian Children"	" "
May28	"	"Exhortations"	Authorship " "
Jul 7	"	"Who is Jesus"	" "
" "	"	"The Commandments	Reprint
" 15	"	"Old Shusco Indian Juggler"	Translated and printed.
		(This and the first three above were bound in one volume)	
Sep27	"	"Children Hymnal" (Bradley)	Reprint
Oct 9	"	"Faith and Practice" (Robinson)	"
Nov26	"	"Elisha"	Translated and printed
Dec 2	"	"Annual Calendar for 1848"	
		(English and Siamese, edited by Chandler)	
" 29	"	"Jonah" (Mrs E.R. Bradley)	Reprint
" 30	"	"Six Penny Glass of Wine"	Translated and printed
Feb 8	1848	"Eliza The Indian Sorceress"	" "
" "	"	"How do we know that all men are sinners?"	(?) Printed.
Aug31	"	"Story of Jesus"	(?) Printed.
		(N B No mention of Calendar for 1849; possible printed at the Baptist Press)	
" 14	1849	"Gospel of John"	Translated and printed
" 29	"	"Book of Acts"	" " "

In addition to the above, in a biogrphical memorandum furnished for the Andover Alumni record, the Son Lewis Hemenway ascribes to his father "a volume in Siamese which he prepared and printed, "A History and Geography of Great Britian, France and Spain", intended for those natives who wished to get some knowledge of those countries." No mention of this work is made in the journal. It is probable that it was prepared in manuscript only and that it corresponds to a similar work referred to by Dr. D. B. Bradley in his journal as the product of several of the missionaries.

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PART ONE

Journal of Mr. Hemenway

Private Journal of

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YEAR 1836

(Editor's Note; The journal as now at hand begins abruptly with the following date. Apparently it is a continuation of the practice of keeping a journal. At this date the writer was a student in the Andover Theological Seminary.)

Oct 27 Today returned to the seminary after an absence of 7 weeks which has been spent for the most part among the desolation of Sion New Hampshire.

28 This evening received a parcel of letters from home, viz; Sisters Anna and Martha, Cousins Hannah and Sendol and G. B. Rowley.

Nov 28 A letter from Rev. G. Champton for the Young Men's Missionary Society, Scotland District, was received giving an account of his arrival at Port Natal, Africa and of the school which he had commenced among the Zulus with very much encouragement, having twelve learning English and the remainder of 30 or 40 studying their own language.

29 Letter from S. B. Munger, missionary at Bombay, giving account of the conversion of one of those lads which were with Mr. Hull when he died.

Dec 1 Thanksgiving Day in Mass. and Vermont.

5 Monthly concert and prayer; Full meeting, interesting exercises.

13 Dr. Chapin, late from the Sandwich Islands spoke before the Society of Inquiry respecting that Mission. Made some statements before the Foreign Committee respecting the cause of the depopulation of those Islands.

14 Senior Class licensed to preach in the chapel. J. R. McDowall, the father of moral reform died.

26 Sent home a bundle of letters and missionary papers to Vermont by Br. Brewster, who takes a letter from the seminary church for the church at Middlebury.

Jan 1 Eleven years since my hopeful conversion. Today a visit from Messrs. Bird, Armstrong and Anderson and in the evening instructions given to the following missionaries at Sout Parish, Messrs. Halliday, Leyburn and Stocking destined to Persia and the Islands of - - -. Mr. Anderson gave the instructions and Mr. Bird gave them an address.

16 Evening. A meeting of the Society of Inquiry conducted by Seamans Committee. Addresses by Messrs. Lord and Rodgers of Boston. Much interest was excited for this class of the community.

Mar 9 Letter from Mr. Baird of France to Pfesident Edwards says that the course of temperance is advancing in France, Germany, Holland and Sweden, in each of which the documents of the Temperance Society have been translated and are on circulation. The work will soon be translated in the Russian.

15 Mr. Boucher, clergyman at Brussels, Belgium, was here this evening. Gave a very encouraging account of the religious condition of France and Belgium.

July 4 A celebration of Sunday Schools of Andover. About 1400 scholars were reported. No conversion in any of them during the year.

P.M. The Andover Anti-Slavery Society held its annual meeting. Addresses by Brs. Gray, Butler, Emery, Lawrence and Wolcott. The Corpse of Reed, a member of Phillips Academy from New York City, has been brought here. He was drowned last evening in attempting to rescue another who was drowning.

5 Funeral of Reed was attended in the Chapel by the seminary congregation. How solemn this providence of God.

Sept 6 Today commenced my book agency in Sandown, N.H. Second year closes today.

Oct 17 Today I have closed my agency. Visited six town and called on 600 families and distributed about 150 dollars worth of books.

25 This is the commencement of my last theological year.

28 Was cheered this afternoon with the intelligence of a revival among this people. The Lord is doing a great work here among the youth. Many are rejoicing in hope.

Nov 5 Today took a new bible class in South Parish in which are some of the converts.

10 Met with the Missionary Society. Some of its members have shared in the revival and others are inquiring. Previous to this revival all were without hope.

30 Thanksgiving Day. My bible class met at my room for a meeting at 9 o'clock. It was a pleasant interview.

Feb 19 "The Sundays of man's life,
Threaded together on time's string
Make bracelets to adorn the wife
Of the eternal, glorious King." (Herbert)

Mar 24 An eventful week, this. There have been ten hopeful conversions in Phillips Academy.

31 Interest in the schools has been less this week. Two conversions in the P. A.

Apr 18 Went to Sandown to spend vacation.

22 Today commenced preaching at Sandown. Preached my first sermons there.

May 6 Additions to Mr. Langstroth's Church; members of my bible class were among the numbers.

23 Returned from Sandown having preached five Sabbaths for that people.

29 Attended anniversaries at Boston on the 29, 30 and 31. Visited Charlestown navy yard, Bunker Hill and the prison. Also visited Mount Auburn, and Cambridge College library.

July 1 Two more of my dear bible class have joined the church today.

4 Sixty converts reported today by the Sunday Schools during the year.

Aug 1 Emancipation in full in the British West India Islands took place today.

2 Today Br. Homer Taylor, a classmate died after a sickness of two weeks. Thus have his classmates been stopped in their course of preparation to bear away to the lonely grave one who was about to enter with us upon the great work of the ministry. The last that he wrote was the subject of his anniversary oration which was "The Importance of Elevated Views of the Christian Ministry.

Sept 6 Graduated at the Theological Seminary, Andover, Mass.

11 Arrived at my father's, Shoreham, Vt, after 15 months absence.

Oct 25 Have supplied the church in Cornwall with preaching the last six weeks.

Nov 1 Had an invitation and accepted it to go and assist Mr. Tilden of West Rutland in his labors. Spent five weeks among his people very pleasantly and I trust profitable to myself. The spirit of missions has received a new impulse among them and they have engaged to give me something toward my outfit.

Jan 22 This day received ordination at Shoreham. Sermon by Br. T.L. Herrick of Crown Point, consecrative prayer by Br. Curtis of Branden, charge by Br. Lamb of Bridgeport, right hand by Br. Richardson of Salisbury.

Apr 14 Was united in marriage to Miss Lucia Hunt. At the same time my eldest sister was married to Rev. Jesse Caswell, Jr., Services were in the church. Sermon by Rev. J.F. Goodhue.

15 The reinforcements of missionaries destined for the Siam mission received their instructions at Middlebury by Dr. Anderson.

May 15 Today returned from a journey to Bethel for the purpose of sending the "Family Library" (a present from his parent, brothers and sisters) to my brother Luke, Grand de Tour, Ill.

June 22 The last Sabbath which I spent in Shoreham. Preached all day. Intermission spent in visiting the graveyard with Mrs. H. and Sister A.H.

24 Took leave of parents and started for Boston in Company with Sisters A and M and Brother T. Rode to East Rutland and stayed the night at General Hopkins.

25 Parted with our sisters and brother and took stage for Boston in company with Br and sister Caswell.

27 Arrived in Boston and was kindly received by our friends.

(Editor's Note: In a separate item the writer indicates that the amount of outfit received at Boston with that received in Vermont was $411. Passage fare from Boston to Singapore $589.33)

July 5 Religious services on board the "Arno" consisted of singing and prayer by Rev. Hubbard Winslow. Hymn, "I love Thy KingdomLord."

6 Closes my 29th year. Left the harbor in tow of a steam boat and anchored at Nantasket Roads.

(Editor's Note: Scarcely any account of the voyage to Siam is given. He notes only the distances covered each week which are as follows for 13 weeks in succession: Miles 658, 929, 734, 733, 866, 848, 1201, 1011, 1252, 926, 1031, 1589, 1350. He also gives a record for each Sabbath at sea with the names of the men who preach. The following interesting items are given under the dates indicated.)

Aug 15 Crossed the Equator just 40 days from Boston.
Sept 8 Passed the Cape about 250 miles to the South of it.
Oct 12 Saw land for the first time since leaving America 98 days from Boston. Anchored same night in the Strait of Sunda.
Oct 23 Came to Anchor in Singapore Road.
Oct 26 Landed our goods and commenced housekeeping.

(Editor's Note: A memorandum indicates that the time between Oct 23 and Dec 13, seven weeks, was spent in Singapore)

Dec 12 At evening came on board the "Kushrovie", Capt. Jackson, bound for Siam.

14 Very early weighed anchor and set sail. Passage fare from Singapore to Bangkok $200.

YEAR 1840

Jan 1 Arrived at Bangkok.

31 Spent this month in Mr. Robinson's family.

Feb 1 Moved into our hired house for the year.

20 The birthday of Francis Hemenway Caswell.

Mar 3 Mr and Mrs Benham arrived from Singapore in the "James Matheson", Capt. Milwar.

Apr 6 Mr. Benham was drowned in the river returning from the monthly concert.

8 On this day his body was found and buried. Mr. Dean led the funeral service.

29 Received letters from America under date Sept 1839.

May 20 Dismissed Tate, my teacher, for pilfering. He had been with me four months.

27 Messrs. French and Peet and their wives arrived at Bangkok.

July 13 Mr. Smith of the English Mercantile House died this date.

29 Was attacked with fever which laid me aside from my studies for 12 or 14 days.

30 The infant daughter of Mrs. Benham died and was buried.

Aug 19 Mr. and Mrs. Buell of the Presbyterian Assembly's Board arrived at Bangkok.

Dec 1 The commencement of a new missionary year.

15 Went in company with others on an excursion around the island on which Bangkok is situated.

Jan 7 Visited Wat Cham Tang, said to have been built by the present King of Siam before he ascended the throne.

Mar 5 Today the Mission Church was organized.

Apr 7 Rev. Gorodon H. Slafter of the Bangkok Mission died today.

May 15 Mr. and Mrs. Johnson arrived at Bangkok the past week from America.

July 1 Mrs. Johnson died today after a few weeks illness, having been the second wife of Rev. S. Johnson 8 months.

Sept 30 Four men have been examined for membership this month.

Oct 21 Mrs. Maria H.N. Benham left Siam for America.

Nov 30 The birthday of Lewis Hunt Hemenway.

YEAR 1842

Feb 14 Early this morning Rev. H.S.G. French died after an illness of more than nine months in his 39th year.

Mar 6 More the first convert, baptized by the ABCFM was baptized by Rev. D.B. Bradley.

June 25 Received a barrel of articles from Shoreham and a box containing a dictionary from the young people of West Rutland, Vt.

July 19 The birthday of George S. Caswell.

Oct 31 Today received letters from America from which I learn that my cousin H.M. Shipman died December 12, 1841 and my grandmother Mrs. Martha Hemenway died March 13, 1842.

Dec 30 This evening little Hariet Bradley expired after being sick 19 days of smallpox.

YEAR 1843

Jan 22 This day Sarah Peet died age 2 years and 2 months, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L.B. Peet.

Nov 6 Capt. Brown and the widow of Mr. Slafter were united in marriage at the British factory by Rev. Mr. Buell.

Dec 4 to Dec 12 was spent on a tour in company with Rev. Mr. Buell to Mahachoi, Tachin, Meklong, Yesan and Pechaburi.

YEAR 1844

Feb Mr. and Mrs. Buell left us for Singapore to go on to America, as Mrs. B. was a paralytic.

Sept 22 Miss Mary E. Pierce of this mission died. She came out in 1839.

Nov 9 The birthday of Clara Lucretia Hemenway.

YEAR 1845

Mar Rev. Mr. Davenport and family of the Baptist Mission left for America.

Apr Mr. and Mrs. Jones went to Singapore and returned in July. Mrs. Jones was so feeble that they left us again Sept. 16, perhaps never to return. Mr. Johnson went with them to Singapore the last time, in search of a helpmeat.

Aug 2 Mrs. Emily R. Bradley died having been a missionary here ten years.

Nov 4 Mr. Robinson and family left us. They go for his health hoping to return.

Dec 1 Yesterday Lewis Hemenway was four years old and today he began to take lessons regularly in English and Siamese.

YEAR 1846

Jan 4 Moe, the Siamese who was suspended from the privileges of the church was restored after about ten months upon a public confession of his sins. His little son was baptized, name Henry.

Mar 3 This day left home with my family to take a voyage to Singapore for the benefit of my health. Went on the "Prince of Wales."

27 After a pleasant voyage of 24 days we arrived at Singapore and took lodgings with Mr. and Mrs. Robinson.

Apr 3 Today we removed to board with Mr. Keasbury of the London Mission Society.

June 9 This evening with renewed health and strength we come on board the "Mayrum Dayrum" bound for Bangkok, Siam.

20 Today arrived with my family at the mission station, all in good health but little Clara who has had a fever the last week and is still suffering from it.

29 Today Caroline Hyde (a native girl) who has lived in this mission ten years and in my family 6 years was set free by Mr. Johnson who redeemed her from slavery.

She has never been treated by us as a slave but rather as a child. Much labor has been bestowed upon her, but we have reason to believe that the seducer has led her away and destroyed her.

July 24 Today heard of the death of Mrs. Maria L. Munger, the wife of my cousin Rev. Sendol B. Munger who died on their passage from America to Bombay, March 12, 1846.

Aug 12 Mr. Johnson and Mr. & Mrs Peet left this mission to join the mission in China.

Sept 6 Martha N. Caswell was baptized.

YEAR 1847

Jan 1 Was engaged most of the day in preparing my journal for the rooms.

4 Was writing, teaching and so on until 4 o'clock P.M. when I went to monthly concert conducted by Rev. J. Goddard. The King came out today and went down to Phya Cha Duke's Wat to lay the cornerstone of one of its buildings. He came out about 5 o'clock and did not return until after nine o'clock in the evening.

5 Was writing my journal for the Rooms and teaching my boys till two o'clock. Then went down to dine at Mr. Goddard's with Capt. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jenks.

6 In the morning went to the Wat Dok Mi and gave books to a company of carpenters. Mi was carried home sick of the Smallpox and Martha Caswell was innoculated for the same.

7 Henry came today after a long absence. He had been to Petchaburi with the Prince.

8 Two men from Meklong called for books. At evening Br. Jenks called and sang a few new tunes with me.

10 Sabbath. Had the history of Abram for lesson with my bible class. Dr. Bradley preached in English. Little Martha began to have fever.

11 Visited for the first time at Mr. Jenks'. Kum Moe's wife, was taken and put in prison. Little Martha continues to have fever.

12 Martha began to have pustules. Went below and found the Brethren trouble with the Portugese consul about the large gate.

13 In the night a thief broke into the doctor's cook house and made an attempt upon the printing office. Kum still in prison.

14 Moe returned at evening without Kum.

15 Moe came back with Kum and her papers this P. M. with a

light heart. The Baptist brethren request to have our religious meeting separate for the present on account of the Smallpox. Little Martha Caswell is more comfortable this evening but has had a sick day.

Jan 18 Wrote quarterly letter for the Mission to the Board to send by Dr. Bradley.

21 Wrote the Prudential Committee about my stay here. Was preparing Brother B's books to send.

23 The "Success" arrived from Singapore bringing letters.

24 Sabbath. Brother Caswell Preached. Some men from the English ship were present, viz: Captain Graham and two sailors.

25 Was writing to Br. and Sister Robinson and preparing their things to send to them.

26 Henry, son of P. N. W. (Pra Nai Wai) came and wrote a little and then went home.

27 Went below to meeting and in the evening prepared to go in the boat tomorrow.

28 Passed nearly the whole day in the country in preaching and distributing books.

29 Was writing letters and examining Siamese books copied. The new Almanac for 1847 came out prepared by Mr. Chandler of the Baptist Mission.

30 Settled with the men of the printing office.

Feb 1 Monthly concert. Dr. Bradley enjoyed it for the last time at present. Evening, got our things from the "Success".

3 Finished the copying of the "Siamese customs" and led the weekly conference meeting.

4 Went to my preaching place this evening. Afterward was engaged in letterwriting, preparing things to send by Dr. Bradley.

5 Was writing to Mrs French about the disposition of her box sent to the mission. Purchased things to send to Luke and Jane by Dr. B.

7 Sabbath. Dr. Bradley preached in my stead, his last sermon before he leaves us.

8 Dr. Bradley is packing his things to go. Assisted in packing a box for Br. Luke and Sister Jane.

9 Was writing to father and mother. Closed the boxes to Mr. Robinson. Gave Dr. B's children their present.

11 Sent away Mr. Robinson's boxes for America.

12 Today about 1 P. M. Dr. Bradley left for the mission station to embark with his three motherless children for America. He had been in this missionary field between 11 and 12 years. In the P. M. removed my family into the house which he had occupied for 8 or 9 years past. Moe accompanied him to the ship, also Capt. and Mrs. Brown.

Feb 13 This evening the "Prince of Wales" sailed from the bar having Dr. Bradley's family on board.

18 Bought timber for the foundation of the new chimney to my cook house.

22 Brother Caswell left us for Meklong to be absent a few days to preach and distribute books.

23-25 Still engaged in repairing my house so that I am not able to go out to preach. But I have an opportunity of instructing a number at my family prayers who seldom hear the Gospel preached.

26 This morning Br. C. returned from his excursion, having visited Ban Chang as well as Meklong. He gave away all his books and was much encouraged by his tour.

27 My teacher still absent, have been very busy all day to get my repairs in such a state as that we may spend the Sabbath comfortably.

28 Sabbath. English service was conducted by Br. Goddard.

Mar 1 Monthly concert conducted by Br. Jenks.

2 The masons finished the chimney of my cook house today and we put it to use.

3 In the evening had a light attack of ague and fever induced by exposure and a sudden cold.

4 Was ill through the day. Moe led our prayers at the morning worship.

8 Finished repairing and dismissed some of my men. Began to go out to preach at the Sala after nearly a month's respit.

10 Went and gave books by the wayside this morning.

12 Made arrangements to resume my studies again.

15 Being disappointed in my teacher's coming today, it being Siamese New Year's, was busy in getting things set to rights.

18 Commenced rewriting some of my small books for the purpose of printing them.

20 Dr. House of the Presbyterian Board arrived this evening, to our great joy, having left Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon on ship board at the mouth of the river.

22 This A.M. Mr. Mattoon and wife arrived and took up lodgings at this mission's station.

23 Began to prepare my own house for the occupancy of Dr. House.

25 Went with Dr. House to assist him as interpreter and otherwise in a surgical operation of dressing the hand of a prince who had been attacked with a sword by a servant who was made from the effects of smoking sungs.

26 Was somewhat engaged in preparing a small book in Siamese, stories for children, and in going with Dr. House for purchases.

27 Went with Dr. H. to see the prince whose hand was cut. Found him much better. Gave many books to those who were present.

28 Preached in the stead of Br. Goddard, who with Br. Jenks was absent from the city.

29 Went with Dr. House to see the officer again and were invited to visit an elderly lady, the widow of an officer of government. After the doctor had prescribed for her she asked me for some books and was greatly disappointed that I had not brought any with me. However, on return home I sent her a supply, a good assortment of our books.

30 Was busy in preparing a children's book for the press.

31 Squared accounts with the office men with some little trial of patience, but in the end satisfactorily.

Apr 1 Was very busy all day in preparing matter for the press. Sent Pea with Dr. House to act as his interpreter. Went to my preaching place.

2 In the morning went out to distribute the sheets about the eclipse prepared by Mr. Chandler.

3 Went with Dr. H. in the A.M. to act as interpreter and was busy in the P.M. in getting ready for the Sabbath.

5 Finished printing "The Miner's and Mariner's Sons."

6 Dried and pressed the sheets of said book and had a few prepared for distribution.

8 Got "The Captive of Ceylon" to press after reading proof most of the day.

9 Was busy preparing a patch book for a little friend. Teacher was absent.

10 "The Captive of Ceylon" came from the press and some sheets of it were dry and pressed ready for putting up.

11 Sabbath. Dr. House preached his first sermon to the Missionaries of this city.

16 Was preparing a present for a Siamese child. Had many calls for the sheet about the eclipse, one of which occured today. Went to the Sala early and had a great many more calls for books than I could supply and some came to my house after breakfast to get some.

17 Was getting ready for the press and correcting my little book called "The Indian Children."

Apr 19 In, my foreman, was excused for half a month. "The Indian Children" was got ready for the press.

21 Dried some of the sheets of paper of "The Indian Children" and got it pressed for folding.

22 Went early to the Sala and found a goodly number of men and boys to whom I preached the Gospel with much more satisfaction than usual. Through the day I was in the office some and had the care of our children more than usual, L. being unwell. Hand a few calls for books at my study.

23 Visited a few houses with books early in the morning and met with a welcome reception. Gave my present to little Henry, it being his birthday. In the evening met with Br. Caswell to labor with Moe for his misconduct toward his family and for his subsequent equivocation. He seemed a little softened by what was said, toward the close of the conversation. Hope he will at length humbly and penitently confess all his sin.

24 In my morning walk I found a few who were desirous to get books. After breakfast went to the sawmill and got a board to repair my house against the rainy season.

26 L. was much unwell and I had the care of the children more than usual.

29 This morning went out to the Sala and found a large number of the common people had gathered in the Wat grounds with their offerings of rice and fruit and had made them little pagodas in the sand. On inquiry I found that it was the birthday of (Buddha), the day in which he entered the priesthood and the day in which he entered Nirvana.

May 2 Sabbath. Communion conducted by Messrs. Caswell and Mattoon. Moe made a public confession of his late offenses. English service was conducted by Br. C.

3 An Idolatrous procession passed the compound this morning bearing three idols of His majesty for the new Wat of Phya the Duke.

4 At eight o'clock this evening L. gave birth to a little son.

5 L. has had a comfortable day and the little one has been doing very well.

7 L. is better than usual today and gives hope of a speedy

recovery. Worked some in the printing office.

8 Was about my duties at home all day. Sold quinine to the amount of 2 oz. Family in comfortable condition tonight.

13 Care of my family prevents me from going to my preaching place.

14 Translated with my teacher, labored in the printing office and took care of my family.

May 18 Had all the servants of the compound in to family prayers this morning, Br. C. being absent for the time being. Engaged in translation with my teacher and spent some time in giving instructions.

21 Was translating the story of "Shusco" with my teacher; teaching and working in the printing office.

24 Went to my preaching place at the Sala and distributed all my books. Returned and found a package of pamphlets and papers arrived from the missionary house in Boston of very old date. At evening a man came and begged books to carry to his friends in Ayuthia. I gave him a few copies.

28 Walked out to the house of a government officer to present his young children with a new tract. Found there a family from Petchaburi who were glad to get some of my books. The remainder of the day labored hard to get Exhortation" prepared for distribution.

29 The severe rain of last night and today prevented my going out to preach and give books. Was engaged a part of the day as yesterday, translating and teaching. Br. Goddard returned from the bar today having left Mrs. G. on the ship board with health improved.

31 Settled up with my office men and closed up my other accounts for the last month. In the morning had a very pleasant time at the Sala and was much interested with one youth who stayed along with me in the Sala when all the others had gone to their breakfast and seemed much interested in hearing the truth.

June 1 Spent the morning in a little settlement of the Laos and much of the day in preparing a communication for the prudential committee, besides translating and teaching.

2 Went into the gardens this morning and talked with a few and gave them books.

3 Went to the Sala before prayers had a larger audience than usual. Read the "Eshortation" to them and made remarks before giving books. Many seemed to comprehend the truth.

7 At the Sala had a very good company to listen to the truth with a good deal of attention. In the P.M. monthly concert in my house. Went with Dr. H. to visit a government officer who

was sick.

9 Went with Dr. House to visit the sick officer over the river. Translated with my teacher and transcribed my journal.

14 Went to the Sala in the morning. Finished translating "Shusco". Went with Dr. H. to see the sick officer over the river.

16 Sent away my letters and other things for Nancy. In the evening was occupied with Pea.

18 Translated and taught some and labored some in the office. In the morning went out with books and had a pleasant time at the saw shed.

22 Very strong signs of diseased lungs in my case.

23 Felt better today but did not venture out to preach as usual. In the P. M. went to the conference without any special harm to my health.

24 Health still improving. Hope to be spared still to labor here. Translated and taught some and labored for exercise in the printing office.

25 Was engaged much as yesterday. For a few days past have had more persons calling for books than usual.

28 Was very busy in my labors all day. Before breakfast and prayers visited four or five families and gave them books which were kindly received.

29 Began to translate a little tract to be entitled "Who is Jesus Christ?"

July 2 Was very busy in the office in getting ready the commandments for the press.

4 Sabbath. Little Edward Asa Hemenway was baptized by Br. Caswell. I administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the Mission Church and others. In the P. M. Dr. House conducted the English Worship.

5 Was getting the little book to press called "Who is Jesus?"

6 Anniversary of my birthday, the completion of 37 years.

7 "The Ten Commandments" and "Who is Jesus?" came from the press today.

14 Got the story of "Shusco" ready for the press.

15 Printed "Shusco" today 1000 copies.

20 Went to the Sala in the morning. Henry, the son of the Phra Nai Wai, came to read English again.

23 Gave books to men from Petchaburi at the Sala. Taught the boys and translated some. Henry was here again today.

24 Heard of the death of Br Robinson. He died seven days from St Helena on March 3 1847.

28 Labored all the forenoon in the office. Got ready for distribution a few copies of "Shusco."

29 Teacher was absent. Worked in the office some and dined at Mr. Mattoon's.

Aug 14 Went to the saw shed and gave books to the men there from Paknam and Bangplasoi.

18 Was employed in teaching in the office and went below to attend a conference conducted by Br Jenks.

19 Went to the Sala in the morning and had an unusually good attendance at the preaching of the word.

21 Went out before prayers and stood by the way to give books. Had a very good opportunity to make known glad tidings of Salvation.

23 Went out as usual to the Sala and preached and gave books. Gained the attention of throng better than I have done sometimes.

24 Was in my study as usual with my teacher and the boys but spent some time in labor in the office. Am now reprinting our hymn books.

26 Washed books in Copperas water to prevent the insects from eating them and attended to other duties. In the evening rode down to the lower station.

27 Folded and put together the first form of the hymn book. Pea's master called for him today.

29 Sabbath. Mr. Mattoon read a discourse from the pen of Dr. Benthune.

Sept 4 This week engaged as usual in the print shop and distributing books by the wayside.

13 Was repairing the fences and bridges of the mission.

18 Was correcting "Faith and Practice" for the press, besides attending to other labors.

21 Went in the morning to give the "Eclipses" to a few of the officers of the Government. At home labored hard to get the hymn book ready for distribution.

23 Taught Lewis and P. Corrected copy for the press, studied some and labored in the office.

24 Was all day engaged in my accustomed duties. Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon and Dr. House dined with us. In the evening there was an eclipse of the moon.

27 The rains prevented my going to the Sala. Was busy all day engaged in my labors. The children's hymn book was got ready for distribution today.

28 The rains were very abundant today. My foreman was absent.

30 Went to the Sala and preached before breakfast. Settled with my men in the A M and received a visit from Mr. Goddard's family in the P M.

Oct 4 Was getting to press Br Robinson's book entitled "Faith and Practice," it being the fourth edition.

5 Got the above named tract to press. Began to write Romanized Siamese for my teacher.

6 Finished printing the first form of "Faith and Practice."

11 Went up the river to the Siamese paper mill with Lewis and Clara. Took books with me and gave away nearly a hundred in all.

14 Finished printing "Faith and Practice."

15 Spent part of the day at Mr. Jenks. Began to put up "Faith and Practice" for distribution.

19 "Faith and Practice" was ready for distribution today. Had a visit from the high Priest of Wat Paya ToSasame.

20 Went out to the saw shed and gave books to the men. This week we are putting up the new hymn book.

22 Went out to the Sala, although the path thither was very wet and muddy. Read Mr. Eddy's letter to Dr. B in disproof of sinless perfection. (Editor's Note: This is the only mention of this subject of contention in the mission.)

25 The "Prince of Wales" arrived from China and brought a letter from Mr Johnson for myself.

26 Mr Pickering called on us in the morning. The news of the death of Rev. Mr. Lowrie off China by being thrown into the sea by pirates came to hand to day.

27 Conducted the weekly conference. Mrs. Jenks was in a feeble state of health and little Martha Caswell sick of the fever and both were made the subjects of special prayer at the meeting.

30 Occupied pretty much as usual this week.

Nov 1 The King began to visit the wats today. Both Moe and Pea followed him today.

2 Moe and Pea gone again today. Martha Caswell is convalescent today.after two weeks of fever.

19 From the last note to this I have been engaged much as usual. The high tides and the King's visit at the Wat prevent many for calling for books.

26 Have been much engaged this month in preparing and printing the history of Elisha which is now nearly finished.

30 Mr. and Mrs. Jenks left us about the 22nd for Singapore on a voyage for her health.

Dec 6 Am just recovered from a hard cold and cough which has nearly unfitted me for business the last fortnight. A fire occurred today about noon among the Laos living back of Phya Si Pipat. About 20 houses were burned.

8 With improved health and clear cold weather, was very vigorous for labor. Got ready for distribution the "History of Elisha."

11 George Caswell who has been sick with the fever 20 days has been much worse today. We begin to be much alarmed about him.

12 Watched the last night with George. He is alarmingly ill and probably will not recover.

15 This evening at 6 o'clock George breathed his last without struggle; he was aged 5 years and five months.

16 George was buried this P.M. near the graves of Miss Pierce and Mrs. Bradley in a garden belonging to the Baptist Mission.

17 Labored in the office and taught the boys as usual.

20 Was preparing to print another edition of "Jonah" by Mrs. Bradley.

21 Put the copy of "Jonah" into the hands of the compositor.

22 Prepared a calendar English and Siamese for the year 1848. It was approved by Br. Chandler.

25 Christmas Day. All the American Missionaries dined at Merchant Brown's.

28 Was preparing and printing a calendar.

29 Reprinting "Jonah" the third edition.

30 Began to set up "The Six Penny Glass of Wine".

31 Settled with my men for the month. Had Br. and Sister Caswell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon and Dr. House to dine

with us. Began to prepare the semi-annual report for the mission.

(Editor's Note: It will have been observed that for the period prior to 1847 the entries in the journal have been very sparse. It will also be noticed that for this last year, while the entries have become more frequent, many of them are repetitious, showing the story of one day to be quite like that of the preceeding. This, of course, does not mean that work has become monotonous or mere routine but that larger projects are requiring more time and show less variation from day to day. Enough of these entries has now been given to show the detailed character of the occupation day by day. From this point on the casual record of the day will be omitted and only the events of unusual character transcribed.)

YEAR 1848

Jan 2 At the communion meeting this morning I baptized the infant son of Br. and Sister Caswell, name Stephen and the infant daughter of Moe and Kum, named Jane.

10 Left home at noon on a tour and reached Maha Chai at 8 o'clock evening. Distributed books to some 25 or 30 boats on the way.

11 Went early up to Tachin and there distributed books through the whole village after which came again to Maha Chai and gave some books. Arrived at home at ten o'clock evening.

12 Was engaged in preparing for a tour to Petchaburi.

18 To 24 were spent on an excursion to Meklong, Yasan, Petchaburi, Van Lim and Ban Chang.

25 Arrived home about noon and found little Edward sick.

26 The office is shut today. The men wishing to rest after their tour with me.

28 Am busily at work getting books ready to carry and send into the country.

31 Letter from Dr. anderson says that promise is made for the continuance of this mission another year.

Feb 1 Printed "Eliza the Indian Sorceress", the first form.

3 Am preparing books for Mr. Mattoon to take on his tour to Phrabat.

8 Began to put up "Eliza the Indian Sorceress" and "How do We Know That All Men Are Sinners?"

11 The thermometer stood at 56 degrees this morning. The Praklang's and other noble men's boats near us left for Phrabat

this morning.

12 Messrs. Chandler and Mattoon with their wives left us this morning on a tour to Phrabat. The thermometer stood at 54 this morning.

14 Left home for Rapree. Took Lewis with me. We passed Maha Chai near night and entered the Meklong Canal and slept at Ban Chepakon.

15 Today we reached the Meklong River by the cross canal and came up into the suburbs of Rapree.

16 This morning reached Quasien's, the Chinese assistant, and took breakfast. Spent the day in going up to Rapree with my books and in returning thence to the station of Quasien. Started down the river again, giving books and preaching as I came and reached the Meklong Canal that evening. Came on towards home as far as Maha Chai. Reached home in time for breakfast. In the evening Mr. Jones and wife and Miss Morse arrived from America via China.

24 Visited the Junks to make purchases for Mrs. H. Dr. House began to vaccinate with the virus sent to him by Dr. Ball of China.

25 Messrs. Mattoon and Chandler with their wives returned from Phrabat and Messrs Caswell and House left for an excursion on the Ban Pakong River.

Mar 2 Went up to the Siamese Paper Mill to purchase paper.

4 Mr. Goddard and family left Bangkok to take ship at the mount of the river.

6 Messrs. Caswell and House returned from their tour this morning.

16 A rebellion was discovered among the Chinese in the sugar country just below NoiConchoisi. Khun Maha Tape was shot, who went to take the leader. He is an opium eater.

17 The Siamese in great numbers have gone up to the scene of the conflict.

18 The Siamese are still going on. The enemy is thought to be very formidable. Maha Tape died this morning of his wound.

19 News from the seat of war says that there are probably two thousand rebels, They are very brave and daring.

25 The Praklang quelled the insurrection by following the rebels to Rapree and taking the leader and 200 more.

Apr 12 Dr. A.M. Hill has written saying that Messrs. Bradley and Caswell have left the service of the board and that I am to be continued here for the present.

Apr 13 The Chinese have taken Petriu.

May The Siamese sent a force and retook Petriu, killing many of the Chinese and taking others prisoners. The prisoners were brought to Bangkok.

31 Took a severe cold the first part of the present month which continues and wears upon my health and strength.

June 9 Of these Chinese prisoners who were taken at Naichnchoisi and Petriu 11 were beheaded today. Those less guilty the King brands each cheek with the word Rebel on one side in Chinese Character and on the other in Siamese. A third class and by far the largest are still in prison.

28 This day the intelligence of the death of our dear Mother Hunt reached us, she having died about the 20th of January.

July 1 Br. Caswell left the service of ABCFM.

4 Wrote to Dr. Anderson and Mr. Hill and strongly urged them to send on more help to sustain this mission.

15 My cough which has troubled me much is better but my strength fails through the pressure of my cares and labors, being alone in the mission.

Aug 4 Dined at Br. Caswell's on the occasion of Sister Ann's birthday. She is 36

25 My health continues poor and I have not been able to do but little during this month. Some of the time was not able to conduct morning worship in Siamese.

31 Have been printing the "Story of Jesus Christ" this month as I have had strength to prepare it. Calls for books at the station are about as usual. Some days there being from 50 to 100. On other days the numbers are fewer.

Sept 25 Nothing occurred this month worthy of note till the 18th when Br. Caswell taken unwell by sore on his upper lip which, continuing, brought on a fever and in two or three days his right cheek began to swell. It appeared at first as though he might have taken cold, but he was not sensible of having a cold. The disease made progress from day to day until the 24th when his face became much swollen on the right side so that he could not see out of his eye. He also began to expectorate blood.
On the morning of the 25th his physician pronounced his diseases erysipelas and inflammation of the lungs and that his case was a hopeless one. Br. C received this intelligence with composure and when asked how he felt he replied that he had trust in Christ and on Him was his whole dependence. He continued to fail through the day and though he could speak but a little he gave delightful evidence that his soul was in peace and that to him

Sept death had no fears. He lingered to 4 P.M. of this day and then he quietly fell asleep in Jesus. Nearly all his associates in this field were about his bed most of the day.

26 The funeral of Br. Caswell was attended at his house this p.M. Dr. Jones conducted the services which were in English and Siamese. Chao Fa, the priest, was present and many of the English residents. After the services the remains were carried down to the lower mission and deposited in the garden of the Baptist mission beside those of little George. Thus God has been pleased to remove suddenly one of His most useful servants from this field of labor. Br C was well fitted to preach and to translate, but God had more exalted employment for him, viz: to sing his praises on high.

30 Settled up with my men today, but it was too much for me and has brought on a replace of my complaint.

Oct 2 The Lord, while he has taken away Br C, upon whom I had leaned for help, has raised up for me a helper in the person of Rev. Mr. Mattoon of the Presbyterian Mission, now residing in this station. He has commenced going to the tract house today in the stead of Br Caswell and he will be able immediately to aid me in continuing the preaching service and bible class at the station on the Sabbath.

4 Early this morning Mr. Myrtle of the House of Hayes Harvie and Company expired. He has long been sick with dysentery. This P.M. his funeral was attended at the residence of Mr. Hayes.

20 The King began his annual visits at the Wats today.

22 My health has improved somewhat this last week so that I ventured to preach in the Chapel today. Mr. Mattoon took the bible class which I have conducted since the failure of the health of Mr. French in the spring of 1841. Had a visit from a Siamese man today who appeared much like a sincere inquirer after the truth. He asked how he should make sacrifice to God, whether with flowers or how? I directed him to give his heart to God and be willing to follow His will in all things, telling him that was the only sacrifice that God wanted from man.

29 Sabbath. Preached in the Chapel this morning an hour earlier than usual on account of the expected visit of the King at Prakhang's Wat in the rear of the station which produces great excitement among our men and draws away their attention for the time being.

Nov. 3 Just at night went to visit the grave of Br C for the first time since his burial. F & L & C & M went with me. It was affecting to stand there and think that all his valuable labors among this people were at an end.

9 Today Clara is four years old. May the Lord multiply her years only to make her a useful member of His Church on earth.

16 Had a visit from the man whom I named as an inquirer under date of October 5. He spent an hour with me and seemed much as

he did during the previous visit. I think that he shows a mind somewhat interested in the truth. I invited him to attend our Sabbath services.

Dec 13 Have just returned from an excursion to Rapree with Dr. House. We were gone 7 days. Spent Sabbath Dec. the 10th at Quasien's, the Chinese member of our little church. Found that in the midst of much trial, arising out of the troubles in the early part of the year with the Chinese, he had remained steadfast in the faith. Nearly all who were accustomed to come to his house for religious instructions had left him through fear. Preached at 10 o'clock at his house to our boatmen, a few Chinese and some Cambojians, women and children. We labored along the banks of the Meklong three days and distributed many of those leaves which are for the healing of the nations. Kroma Luang Rak was executed today.

16 Three days ago Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon left us to go to Maha Chai, Tachin and the west to distribute books and returned today.

21 Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon and Dr. House left us for Petchaburi expecting to be gone more than a week.

22 Today the four chief officers of Kroma Luang Rak were decapitated and some 40 other of his servants were imprisoned. Chao Fa Umphong is to stay in prison for seven years.

29 Today our Presbyterian friends returned from their tour to Petchaburi where they were kindly received by both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor and pursued their work without hindrance.

YEAR 1849

Jan 6 Returned from a tour to NaiConchoisi of 6 days with Dr. House.

13 Have been laboring the past week to get things ready to send by Sister A to America (the widow of the Rev. Jesse Caswell)

16 Accompanied Sister A to the ship.

20 Sister A sailed from the bar early today.

29 Left home this morning with Dr. House and Lewis on a tour of the north in a Cochin Chinese boat propelled by seven men. We have with us books for distribution.

Feb 9 Returned today from our tour after an absence of 12 days, having had a very pleasant and I hope profitable time. Visited Prabat and spent a day there. Preached to all who called at our house but gave books only at the boat landing. Next we visited Pattawi and spent most of the day there. Saw what is said to be a shadow of the image of Buddha on the overhanging rock.
Spent the Sabbath at the boat landing and both of us were

employed most of the day by turns in talking and distributing books. It was to us a very happy day. Besides laboring at these places we gave away many books by the way going and coming, both at the Wats and to the inhabitants along the beautiful banks of the river. On our return to Ayuthia we spent half a day there and gave away many books there. We found that the people are mostly Siamese. We had expected to find many Chinese there.

17 Began to be unwell on the 14th and am now suffering under another attack of the same disease which brought me so low last autumn.

Mar 12 Continued to suffer from my complaint until Feb 22, when I was obliged to keep my room and bed much of the time for two weeks. The last few days I have been out to meals and today am able to sit up and to pencil a little in the easy chair. Hope now to regain my health and strength.

16 Today prince Chao Fa Noi called Moe and Pea and assigned them to public business. Moe was directed to attend to his music school regularly till he should become proficient in the art. This will probably lead him to break the Sabbath. Pea is to be a waiter at the Palace of the King to do whatever he is bid to do for the space of ten days and then he is released for a month.

17 Have improved somewhat the past week. Can walk a little and have tried to labor at translation some. I have much reason to bless the Lord for the strength and health I now enjoy and to improve it for some useful end.

18 Moe was absent today.

23 Today heard through the brethren of the Presbyterian Mission that the American Board had decided to give up their work here, but I have not yet received letters from the committee touching the matter. May the Lord prepare us for the great trial of leaving this field forever.

Mar 26 Letters came from Dr. Bradley. Jane, his eldest daughter, died at Oberlin July 27 last year.

Apr 1 Feel much stronger today than last Sabbath, but was only able to enjoy part of the privileges of the day.

2 Arrival of letters and of Mr. and Mrs. Bush of the American Presbyterian Board.

30 Have enjoyed comfortable health most of the month, but have not felt vigorous. Have done a little in the office and have revised a small work for the press. The extremely hot weather about these days affected my health. I could not always endure such heat.

May 1 The thermometer stood at 99 today.

10 Today a man called at my house who told me that the successor of Kroma Luang Rak was one of the sons of the King by his principal wife.

20 Moe continues to violate the Sabbath by remaining at Prince's, attending the music school.

23 Pea took his final leave of us this moring having been a member of our family as scholar and laborer most of the time since July 1844.
This morning Mr. S J Smith of the Baptist Mission arrived, bearing letters from America. The property of the ABCFM has been sold to the American Missionary Association for £1120.

20 Rot left Dr. House for misconduct.

30 Moe came to talk with me this evening. Said that Pea was raised by the Prince to be Mahat Wisat

31 A man came to me today desiring me to buy his child for 60 ticals, a debt which he had contracted by gambling. I reproved him sharply, first for gambling and secondly for his hardheartedness in being willing to sell his child into slavery for such a purpose.

June 2 Moe and Kum removed over the river today, having lived at this station 3 years and seven months.

7 Moe returned with Henry today and placed him under the instruction of Mr. and Mrs. Bush. Today I finished printing the first from "John's Gospel."

18 This morning heard that the Cholera broke out in the city. yesterday.

19 The Cholera is still increasing. There have been many deaths, 19 corpses at the Wat ### by 8 o'clock in the morning.

20 The Cholera rages fearfully. 310 deaths were reported to the king up to this evening.

21 Heard this morning of the death of Pai and of the deaf copyist and of little Sarah that once lived with Mr. Jones. Noak's father died today and Nancy's little brother.

June 22 The men at the office all left me today on account of the Cholera. The report of deaths at Wat ### for the last 5 days is said to be about 1000 and at Wat Sakot today 200. The old man, the Siamese inquirer at Ban Lang, died of Cholera today, giving good evidence of his preparation for Heaven.

30 Since my last date the Cholera has raged most fearfully in Bangkok and great numbers have been swept into eternity unprepared. Last Friday the dead were estimated at 20,100 in 13 days. Chao Khum Bodin, the Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's forces has diéd and Chao Fa Umpton. Rot, Dr. House's former servant has died insane, also Phat, a Cochin Chinese who has lived much with the missionaries.

July 5 Chao Katai called to see us today and says that he has lost three and his father 17 by the Cholera, also that Chao Cha

Lomwong a son of the King has died of it.

6 My birthday. 30 years of this fleeting life are gone. The last one has been one of many mercies mingled with afflictions. Twice have I been brought low by sickness and raised up again, have burried my Br. Caswell, parted with Sister Ann and her little ones and thus far with my family have escaped the pestilence that has cut off thousands here, within a few days. It is of the Lord's mercies that were not consumed, because his Compassion failed not.

14 Today have heard of some cases of Cholera, but they are fewer than a week ago. Some statements as to the number that have died are as follows. One of our office men says that in his village in the gardens 70 have died of Cholera in all. Kru Tian says of 20 at his home 10 have died. One captain lying at the bar says that in seven days by daylight he counted 580 bodies floating past his ship. 8 priests at Chao Fa Yai's Wat have died, two being Ceylonese

22 Today preached at the Chapel to our Siamese congregation for the first time since last February.

28 During the past week there has been some correspondence between the missionaries at the station and His Honor, Pra Nai Wai Waranat, respecting an old custom of making presents to the King, of some living animal after such a marked dispensation as that of the Cholera. He asked first whether we would give or no. We, fearing that the custom was connected with the making of merit, replied that we would rather be excused from following Siamese customs on this occasion, but still we cherished great respect for the King and congratulated him on the disappearance of the Cholera.
In the meantime, and unknown to us, our brethren of the Baptist Mission had agreed to furnish the money to purchase what His Honor would think a proper present for the occasion, provided it should not have any connection with the making of merit. Pra Nai Wai assured them that it would not and at the same time requested them to see us here and assure us of the same. They did so and we have written a second letter to His Honor and have paid over to him the sum of 3 ticals a piece, the same as paid by our brethren at the lower station.

July After we had done this he requested that we hear and our brethren below would write a letter to the King in Siamese, and he promised to see it delivered. We were not without our fears that our money will be used as we would not use it.

Aug 1 It is said that all the Roman Catholic Missionaries in the Kingdom, except the Bishop and one man stationed at Chantabun, have refused to follow the King's custom and that he decided finally last evening that they should leave the company. It is said that they are making preparations to leave.

4 Have been laboring hard all this week in translating and printing the "Gospel of John" and in putting up the Acts of the

the Apostles for distribution. Have now in my employ as laborers, copyist and teachers about 18 men.

6 Moe left me again today after working in the office a full month. He must now return to the Prince to attend music school again.

8 The last three days all classes of people have been sending their fowls, ducks, birds in cages and hogs up to the King as presents. Some of these animals were carried in fancy cages, while others were put in cages made of rough split bamboo. The boats bearing the animals were hung with flags of various colors, but more generally with white flags and there are many boats that had instrumental music. It is said that the King has one or two places where he sends all these animals to be kept, and that he is to have a day when he will feed them with his own hands. It seems most likely that he designs to make merit himself by the collecting and feeding of these animals.

9 Labored in the office, finished the translation of "John", a work which I have so much desired to complete, and at three o'clock went down to meet my family who had spent all the day at Mr. Chandler's and there we dined.

10 Finished revising "John" for the press with the aid of Mr. Mattoon and my compositor set up the same for printing. Began to put on the covers to the book of Acts today.

13 It is said that the Catholic Priests, 8 in number, left Siam yesterday by order of His Majesty the King, for not conforming to his customs of making presents as others in his kingdom. It is said that Prince Chao Fa Yai says it is the King's doings and not that of the priesthood of Siam, and that he has written to the Chinese magistrate of Singapore an explanation of the whole affair. Godatta says they will go to Singapore and tell their story and then it will pass the rounds of the paper all over the world and then come back to Siam.

14 Today finished printing the "Gospel of John."

16 Dined with all the missionaries at Mr. Jones", it being the anniversary of their marriage.

Aug 26 Preached in the chapel today to an unusually large number of Siamese who gave very respectful attention to the subject of "Man's fall and ruin."

29 Finished putting up the new edition of the "Acts of the Apostles."

30 Sold the "Electricity and Magnetics" to the Prince Amaruk for someone in the King's palace.

31 Labored very hard in the office all day and at evening paid off my men for the month.

Sept 1 This day closes another week of hard labor and incessant work. May the scriptures that have been put up this week, as well as others prove a great blessing to the people of this benighted land. Have been looking all the week for Quasien to come down from Rapree in order to be present at the Communion service tomorrow. The Presbyterian brethren here organized into a church last evening and this evening they ordained Dr. S.R. House as a ruling elder of their church.

2 Sabbath. At 9 o'clock attended the Communion service with the Presbyterian Mission after which I preached to the Siamese. They gave good attention to the truth and I cannot doubt that their minds for the time being were somewhat impressed.

6 Quasien, the Chinese member of the church arrived from Rapree today, after having been detained from visiting us for nearly two years. He will now be hired by the Presbyterian Mission and will probably join them in prospect of breaking up this church.

7 My man, Si, was attacked with Cholera this evening after his return home and sent a messenger back immediately for medicine.

9 Si, was so far recovered from his attack of Cholera on Friday evening, as to be able to be present on the exercises of the day. Three of his village have recently died of Cholera. The wife of Kru Tian died yesterday and was burned today, leaving an infant son and a son 6 or 7 years old.

12 Prame, Mr. Bush's man, was taken violently ill with Cholera last evening, but is convalescent today.

15 Another case of death by Cholera near us today. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler returned from their excursion today. At Meklong many were eager for books, saying that those who possessed them in the time of Cholera were preserved. Dismissed Si, Pan, Song, Chack, Di and Chat from the printing office today.

17 Began to prepare for an excursion into the country with my family.

19 Left home with my family for an excursion of ten days up the Tachen River.

Sept 28 This day returned home with my family having passed through Maha Choi, Tachen to Nacon Chasi where we stopped to visit the Governor and to distribute books. Thence we ascended the river visiting Wats and villages on our way as we could and arrived at the town of Supan on the evening of the 24th. The 25th we spent at Supan attempting to do good with our books and by conversation with the people, but the day was an unfortunate one, being a feast day. Many of the people of the place were gone to make

their offering to their temples and all the officers of the town were away, so that we did not have an interview with any of them. We, however, left some of our books for them.

The scenery along the banks of the river at Supan and for some distance below is very beautiful, having high banks with clusters of trees scattered along the banks and behind these the houses of the humble villages are seen through the opening of the trees. We feel that we have been well paid for our journey and hope that we have done something toward enlightening the thousands of benighted souls dwelling along the banks of the Tachen.

30 Sabbath. Today a poor Peguan died of Cholera in his brick boat, lying in front of the mission compound. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his sudden death. His home is at Samkok. Today Dr. House amputated the arm of a man who had been bitten by a crocodile with a narrow escape of his life. He was brought by a member of the church at the Baptist Mission.

Oct 1 Yom, my old school boy, came to see me today and told me that his father, old Kru Buang, died of the Cholera last summer. Since that time Yom has been to Singapore as a common sailor on one of the luggers. He came to be my copyist today.

7 Have been very busy all the week, early and late in reading with my copyist, taking an inventory of the mission library and making some preparations for a tour through the country.

10 The "Celerity" arrived from Singapore and brought me a letter from my agents only.

13 A package of papers and some letters came up from the "Celerity" today. No news from Sister Ann or Dr. Bradley.

18 Yesterday received an invitation to dine with Prince Chao Fa Yai, it being his birthday. All the several missionaries invited were present

23 Left home today on a tour, expecting to be absent at least ten days, spending most of the time on the Bamplakong River.

Nov 1 Returned this evening to my home, having had a very pleasant and I trust profitable tour up the Bamplakong River and up its left fork, where we found far up flourishing villages of Siamese and Laos. Dr. House and myself proceed about ten miles above Nakonnayok, the principal town on that branch, where we found ourselves among the mountains and the water was so swift as to prevent our ascending farther. There is a very interesting field of labor, both on that branch and on the right fork of the river on which Prachin is the principal town.

Nov 4 Sabbath. In the morning attended Communion services with my family as conducted by the Presbyterian Mission. At ten o'clock preached in the chapel to the Siamese.

6 Heard this morning of Sister Ann in the United States.

She arrived at Boston, July 7 and then proceeded to Vermont. A letter also came from Dr. Bradley, under date of July 7.

10 Have been engaged the last few days in making preparations to go on a tour next week.

23 Returned from said tour today, having had a very pleasant time. (See Journal of the same.)

30 Have been engaged since my return in selling the mission property and my private property with the view of leaving this country to return to America.

Dec 6 Have been very busy in comparing the Siamese of my copyists.

7 All things having been prepared, Mr. and Mrs. Bush went up to their new station above the city to commence building for their mission. Had a letter from Sister Ann today, also one from Cousin Sendol and Dr. Anderson.

9 Preached in the chapel to the Siamese congregation. Had great freedom and comfort in my discourse and toward the close felt deeply solemn with the idea that almost all who were listening to me were neglecting to build on the foundation of Jesus and I urged them at the close to come to Christ immediately as the only hope of Eternal life for them.

10 Have been engaged all day with my copyists in comparing the Siamese history which I am having copied to take to America.

11 Some of the officers of the Siamese Government begin to object to our Presbyterian friends living above the palace and the probability is that they will be obliged to give up their bargain, then return to this station. A fear of the displeasure of the King seems to be a reason for their making the objection.

13 In's wife died today after an attack of Cholera of a week's standing. She left four children. We hear of cases of Cholera frequently. They seem very mortal.

14 Heard of two deaths by cholera today. The floating house of the Presbyterian Mission is in front of this station today and Mr and Mrs Bush will go into the house which they have occupied since last April. In the evening Prince Cha Fa Yai called to see us while we were engaged in our evening devotions and he sat down with us and read the scripture in English. After worship the Prince went to the library and selected several volumes for his library.

15 Noi Peng called today to get a few more books for the Prince and to pay for those he took last evening. He asked about the daguerreotype for a rarity.

16 Sabbath. Read and explained the scripture to our little congregation of Siamese and in the P. M. conducted the service in English.

Dec 18 Went to visit Prince Cha Fa Yai in the P M. He received us kindly and showed us his elephant and other things and gave Lewis a pair of birds and then sent us with his servant to show us his temple which was richly adorned and painted.

19 Went over into the city to see Moe and Kum. Had a pleasant time.

20 Busy all day in settling up my affair and in packing things.

23 Preached in the chapel to the Siamese for the last time.

26 Went and took breakfast with Chao Kutai, with my family. Had a very pleasant time. In the P M Prince Cha Fa called me on to the ship and gave me some images unguilded and a set of priest's clothes. (This note probably does not refer to Cha Fa Yai mentioned above, as the title "Yai" has been erased)

27 Was very busily engaged in getting my things on board the "Ariel." In the afternoon she dropped down and anchored opposite the lower station. Breakfasted at home, but dined and took tea at Mr. Mattoon's. Mr and Mrs Jones, Mr Smith and Miss Morse were with us. We had a very pleasant but solemn time. While there Chao Kutai, who had been so kind to us and had given us so many things came to take leave of us.

28 Took breakfast with Mr and Mrs Bush and was engaged all the morning in settling up my accounts and in giving little presents to our Siamese friends. At 1 o'clock we took tiffenat Mr. Mattoon's and at 2 o'clock we bade adieu to our home in Bangkok and to all our good friends there and then came to the lower station and dined with Br and Sister Chandler. After dinner I took Lewis and Clara to visit the graves of Br Caswell and little George, and on our return stopped a moment to see the Chinese assistant who is fast wasting with consumption.

At evening our Presbyterian brethren came down to Br Jones' where we took tea with nearly all our associates in missionary labor in this dark land. After which we were accompanied to the vessel by nearly all of them where we took leave of them, perhaps forever. After they were gone we put our berths in order and laid us down to rest, but it was long before we could sleep. Thoughts of what had passed during the day came rushing upon us and drove sleep from our eyes. Poor little Edward was not at home and asked to go home and called after---. God grant to sanctify us by the trials of this day and prepare us for His will respecting us as a family in the future.

29 Reached Paknam about noon today where we are to lie at anchor until tomorrow morning. In the afternoon Noi Tin, an old Siamese friend, came on board to see us and in conversation about the Cholera told us that 700 had died of that disease in Paknam. After getting our little ones to bed we sat down and wrote notes to our dear missionary associates at Bangkok.

30 Sabbath. We weighed anchor at Paknam about sunrise and came out of the mouth of the river, with a very light breeze and the tide against us.

Dec About ten o'clock we passed the"Celerity" aground on the bar and by noon we were fairly over the bar. We were then becalmed for about two hours when a fair breeze sprung up which helped us on finely until some time in the night when it was followed by a calm. As it grew rougher, we were somewhat seasick, so that some of us could not take dinner.

31 Toward morning we had still fresher wind which carried our little vessel on until 11 o'clock today. Since that time till evening we were nearly becalmed. All of us were seasick, so that we had no breakfast table spread and at dinner we did not make out much. Since yesterday noon we have made 143 miles of latitude.

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Jan 1 A gentle breeze sprang up in the night which lasted us till afternoon. The sea has been much smoother and we all have been pretty free from seasickness. We have made 53 miles of latitude today.

2 We have been becalmed all day in sight of the coast of Cambodia.

5 There came on a rain and blow last night which lasted till 10 o'clock today when it cleared up, but the wind continued to blow and the sea was rough.

7 Early this morning we passed Pulo Pesen on the right, a little after Pulo Aor on the left which has two beautiful peaks which show to good advantage with the splendors of the rising sun. About 4 o'clock P M we passed Pedra Banca, that rock so much dreaded by mariners, and coming in towards Singapore we cast anchor about 10 o'clock.

8 Early this morning we weighed anchor and came into the harbor inside of most of the shipping. As soon as it was ascertained that a Siamese vessel had arrived, a little fleet of boats surrounded us and escorted us into the harbor. One would have supposed from their number that some important personages had come to town.
As soon as the "Ariel" had come into harbor and our breakfast had been dispatched, I went off with the Captain in his Sampan to deliver my letters and look up a boarding place for the family. Found Mr. Spottiswoode, who treated me with much kindness and assisted me to execute some of my commissions and to find a boarding place. Went to Capt. Aitken's and presented my letters of introduction and engaged to board with him for a while.
Returned to town and took a boat and went back to the "Ariel" and thence to see the "Hyderabad" an English ship that has been recommended to me as a good passenger ship, and after seeing her accommodations, returned to the "Ariel" and took dinner. After dinner we went on shore and took lodgings at Mr. Aitkin's.

9 Sent work to Capt. Castle that I could not think of accepting his offer of the cabin, but would give him his price provided he would give me his own cabin, it being half of the stern.

Jan 10 Capt. Castle called today with Mr. Rees who, with his family, was to take passage to England and told me that he had altered his mind and would give me his cabin, provided I would give him ten pounds more than the old offer, and left me to consider the matter till tomorrow. The idea of paying such a large sum was rather startling to us and we sat up till nearly ten o'clock talking of the matter and finally concluded to say to the captain that 700 dollars was as high as we could afford to go for a passage to St. Helena.

11 Early this morning took a boat and went out to see the "Hyderabad". She was lying outside a little and I found the captain on board, who kindly invited me to his room again to see it. I told him my proposal and in a few moments closed a bargain to go with him as far as St. Helena with the expectation of leaving Singapore in the course of a week from that time.

12 The overland mail came in from the west and brought letter from New York and Boston, news of the sailing of Dr. Bradley.

17 After much delay in getting our clothes from the Dolbie we made out to send off our boxes on board the "Hyderabad", this morning, hoping to go on board ourselves in a few days more.

18 This morning we went out to visit Mr. and Mrs. Keasberry at their place in the country. Our reception was not as cordial as we expected and we had reason to hope for; and some remarks dropped by Mr. K. in the course of conversation showed that our visit was not agreeable and therefore we left at 11 o'clock and returned to Mr. Aitken's.

19 We had expected to go on board the "Hyderabad" today, but Capt. Castle advised us to wait till Monday.

20 Sabbath. Did not attend St. Andrew's church in the morning but in the evening I took Lewis and Clara and went. A stranger preached from these words, "By Faith we Stand."

(Editor's Note: The Journal ends here as abruptly as it begins. Departure from Singapore was apparently on Jan. 21.)

PART TWO

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Apr 14 Attended church. In the evening again repaired to the church and was married to Rev. Asa Hemenway, Missionary to Siam. Mr. J. F. Godhue preached from the words "2 Cor. 5;14."

15 Rode to Middlebury and there met the missionary company with whom I expect to spend a part or all of my life. Received the instructions of the board from Dr. Anderson. Spent the evening in a social party at Mr. Andrus', also the night.

16 Visited the new college. Called upon Prof. Adams who treated us with great politeness and gratified us with a look at his cabinet of shells. Afternoon returned home accompanied by the brothers and sisters of the mission.

May The first part of this month went to Bethel. Spent the Sabbath in Ripton. Took supper at Mr Miller's. Monday rode back to Bethel and spent the night at Mr Marsh's. Tuesday rainy, but returned to Ripton, calling on Mr. Hubbard in Stockbridge, boarding at Dr. Fay's, and on Cousin John Pierce.

June 20 Received intelligence from the board that we must prepare to leave our country not far from the first of July.

23 Sabbath. Mr. H. Preached. At noon to avoid the excitement of seeing friends we went to the graveyard with Mr H and SisterA. Took supper with Father Hemenway. Bade friends goodbye.

24 Left home for Boston. Rode to Rutland with Sister A. M. and Brother F. Spent the night at Mr. Hopkins'. Friends from Pittsford rode down and spent an hour with us.

25 Stayed in Keene. Called on Mr. Rockwood.

26 Went to Nashua by stage and there took the care for Andover where I spent the night.

27 Took the morning cars and rode to Boston. Visited the missionary rooms. Took dinner with Mrs Hill in Roxbury. Did some shopping and then returned to my lodging place. Glad of the privilege of rest to my weary limbs.

28 Unpleasant and rainy. Mrs Hill called this morning and proposed having a season of prayer with the sisters that board here. Had a pleasant time. Went with her to the museum.

30 Sabbath. Attended Bowdoin Street church in the morning. Services were led by Rev Joel Mann of New York City. H Winslow is the stated supply of this church.
Afternoon. Went to Park Street church. Sermon by the Rev Mr Aiken. Singing in both churches good, accompanied by the organ which at times gave sound like distant thunder.

July 1 Monthly concert at Park Street church. House well filled and much interest taken in the subject of missions.

2 The missionaries met the Secretaries and the Prudential Committee at Mr S T Armstrong's. Gave us private instructions with regard to our conduct on shipboard and in the missionary field. Also exhorted us to put entire confidence in the Board, assuring us that they would do the best for us.

5 Went to the ship for the purpose of sailing. At 9 o'clock services were led by Mr Winslow which were singing and prayer. Soon friends were desired to leave the ship after which, on shore, they sung "From Greenland's Icy Mountains". On the ship we sung 137th Psalm S.M. St. Thomas.
We could not sail on account of the wind, and soon left the vessel to look about the city. Visited the Navy yard in Charlestown; Also the state prison in which was 311 convicts. Took dinner in the state prison. Returned to my boarding place. Then took a ride to Mt Auburn with Mrs Cummings, Mr Peet, Mr and Mrs Pease and Mr. Hill. Had a pleasant time. On our return visited the botanical garden in Cambridge connected with the institution.
In the evening Mr. Wolcott called to remind us of the duty of being punctual in the morning.

6 Left Boston and anchored in the Nantasket roads. Put our little room in readiness for housekeeping at sea. Made preparations for sickness. This evening our company commenced family worship.

7 Sabbath. Preaching by Br Peet. Afternoon, a prayer meeting. About 4 o'clock the wind breezed up and we left the roads in company with the ship "Cato" bound for Calcutta. Two sails were in sight, brigs. Soon as the vessel was fairly under way sickness commenced. None suffer much but Sister Caswell.

12 Capt Nott came in to prayers this morning for the first time. Fair winds and pleasant sailing. All on deck today except Sister Anna.

18 The sisters have had a season of social prayer. Hope we shall be able to continue with these meetings. We need to become more intimately acquainted with each other's Christian character.

21 Sabbath eve. Had preaching on deck twice. Br Caswell spoke morning and afternoon. This eve., Bible class commenced, of which Br B takes charge.

22 Commenced Greek with the other sisters.

Aug 15 Crossed the equator, 40 days from Boston.

Sept 8 How different my feelings today from what they were two weeks ago. Then I was in thick darkness; Jesus had withdrawn his smiles from me or I had turned from Him, and I felt done and utterly forsaken. My state of mind had been more or less mellancholy for two or three weeks previous; and then, I flet, must be the time for me to repent and return to my Master.

I observed the day as a day of fasting and prayer. I mourned, wept and prayed Jesus to smile upon me again. My dear husband repeated some of the promises to me and led me to the Savior. I saw myself a sinner, more vivid than ever before; felt more my utter unworthiness and dependence on God. Towards evening I gained strength to cast myself as a helpless sinner at the feet of Christ, and He smiled upon me.

Since that time have felt that He was near and that I could cheerfully walk the most rugged path if He would lead me. My feelings are more uniform and childlike. O, for sweet submission to the holy will of God. Have resolved to spend a portion of time in the middle of the day in devotional reading and prayer; and I record it that I may not be in danger of neglecting it. Hitherto my growth in piety has been slow if any and I wish to grow in grace and in the knowledge of God. O Blessed Redeemer, today I will make a new covenant with Thee:

"Here Lord I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do."

Wilt Thou fill me with holy and ardent desires for the spread of Thy Kingdom and for the salvation of souls. O, may my husband be filled with the Spirit of God; may he be faithful and true to his blessed Master and be permitted to labor long for Him along the benighted nations of the earth."

9 Passed the Cape of Good Hope last night, 63 days from Boston.

12 Yesterday severe storm, rain, hail, with strong winds. Last evening a heavy wave broke on deck and the water came down the hatchway and in a moment I was drenched. It was so sudden that I could not avoid it. My husband and Mrs French caught part of it. Today we have rolled about badly. We have not yet omitted morning or evening devotions on account of wind or storm.

14 Morning pleasant, wind aft but soon changed. We have been becalmed today. * * * The Captain's patience has been tried and he in turn tries us exceedingly. I hope he will become convince that the Lord's ways are right and that He rules as He pleases.

16 Cloudy, but we have been cheered by a sail * * * It is the "Lotus" from Salem bound to Sumatra, sailed 15 days before us.

This evening Br C has brought us good news; the cook thinks he has submitted to Christ. He appears well but is ignorant and needs much instruction.

19 Rainy and cool, with strong breezes almost amounting to a gale. Eve: About 10 the main topsail gave way. Thomas Farrington hurt some with the Spencer sheet-block, on account of its getting loose. We had a very uncomfortable night.

20 Continues rainy and squally. Towards night the wind came round from the right direction.

21 Continues fair wind with strong breezes. Distance for the week, 1031 miles; whole distance 10,889; eleven weeks from Boston; distance today 203.

24 Commenced Hebrew today. Three months today we left home.

26 Five years ago today I witnessed the departure of a beloved sister. We were deeply afflicted but the Lord was near and granted us consolation. And I would not forget how He afflicted us all with sickness (except Sister A) and then raised us to health again. Surely we have experienced much kindness at His hands and are under the greatest possible obligation to Him to give Him our best services. * * * I feel that He has led me in the paths which I have chosen and helped me to choose, therefore do I pray that he may continue to guide me by His Spirit that I may be useful while I live.

28 Nine years today sister L exchanged words. This was a heavy stroke to me; she was a near and much loved sister.

Oct 6 Three months today since we left the land of our nativity. Never did three months glide away more swiftly.

12 Off Java head. I am happy to look upon land once more. It is delightfull to pass these islands of the deep, but when we think of their inhabitants it is soul-sickening--so dark are all their ways. The first land we saw was Clapper's Island, then Java with its high mountains and rocky beach. The green verdure and the towering palms are pleasant to behold.

13 Sabbath. This has been a day of deep interest to us all. Anchored off Tanger last night. This morning the anchor was taken up and we are again on our way. The Malays have been about us and our Captain has traded with them. They have pleasant countenances and appear more pleasant than I had supposed they would. Their minds are dark, they know nothing of Christ and the love He bore to the children of men.

23 Anchored in Singapore harbor. Brethren Dr Tracy, Goddard and Robbins called to see us with their wives.

24 Br Pohlman, Nevius and Tracy were with us at morning prayers. Stayed in the ship all day, hoping that it would be decided that we should keep on to Siam. Afternoon decided that we should land here.

25 The brethren rented a house. Prepared to leave the ship "Arno." At 4 o'clock took dinner with Mr and Mrs Nevius; also spent the night, with them and most of Saturday. About 5 o'clock came to our house.

27 Sabbath. Spent the Sabbath in our own hired house. Felt tired

and weary and the need of rest.

28 Prepared letters for home, was very busy. Afternoon went to the bassaar and made some purchases. Miss Condit was kind enough to accompany me.

29 My mother's birthday, she is 65. Long may she be spared to here children and friends. O, may she enjoy the constant smiles of her Savior, till she is called home to glory.

30 Ship "Arno" left this morning for Batavia, and in her Mr. Pohlman and Robbins. Mr P is stationed there and Mr R returns to America. Mr Dickerson and Travalli took tea with us.

31 Took dinner with Mr Trevelli and spent the afternoon and evening. A part of our company dined with Mr Ball. The Chinese boys are interesting bright boys. Not a school in America with the same advantages would sing better. It numbers 33.

Nov 1 Attended the maternal association at Mrs Stranark's. It is pleasant once more to meet Christian sisters and hear them pray. There are different denominations here and from many parts of the world, but all come for the same object and all go to Christ with the same errand.

3 Sabbath. All without was silent; but some are riding and a few criers are in the streets, but there is not so much noise as in Boston. Perhaps it may be because we are back from the town and hear not the noise. Probably the Sabbath is desecrated; we must not judge by what we have seen. * * *
Commemorated the dying love of our Savior once more. It was a precious privilege after being deprived of the privilege so long. A Chinese was baptized. He is thought by the brethren to give evidence of piety. He is a man something like 50 years of age. * * * The Chinese boys were still and gave good attention to all the services. I think they surpass a class of boys of that age in America.

4 Commenced learning the Siamese letters. O Lord strengthen me for this work and keep us in the path of duty for Christ's sake.
Took tea with Mrs. Tracy. Attended the monthly concert at Mr. Orr's. Mr. Stranark lead and gave us a brief account of Christian brethren escaped from the Island Madagascar. There are great persecutions there, but we rejoice that the heart of the king is in the hand of the Lord and He can turn it when it will be most for His own glory.

6 Brother and sister C., husband and myself took tea at Mr. Ball's. While going there passed a Hindoo procession going to bury a corpse. The corpse was carried by four, with two on each side. Then forward were the tum-tums, dancers and mourners. It was late or I would have seen the end.

7 Mr. Minor from Jaffna arrived today on account of his health. He brought with him a little motherless boy. He has been deeply afflicted by the death of his wife and since that has poor health.

21 Another year of my life has passed away. The past has been fraught with care and anxiety, yet the Lord has held me up and brought me here. O that I may now be useful. I feel languid and cold and stupid, no vigor of body or mind. If the Lord chooses to afflict me with sickness and thus keep me from labor I will submit and pray Him to give me a right spirit.

24 Went to the hill to meeting, walked. Br French preached. ✱ ✱ ✱ Every time we go to the hill to meeting we pass a Mohammedan mosque and a place where is building a Hindoo temple. We cannot go into the mosque without taking off the shoes. The clings, people from the Malabar coast, are building the temple. Two idols, one on each side of the door, are painted; and a large idol, in the form of a horse, stands ready for a race, but he cannot move unless he is drawn by his worshippers.

Dec 1 Mr Jones and Mrs Reed have arrived today from Siam. We shall hear from the mission there. Hope they are prospering.

8 Am obliged to stay home because we can get no palanquin. The month of Ramadan is ended and the Mohammedans are having a feast. Dr Tracy went on board ship last night 6 o'clock. O, Lord go with them across the ocean and take special care of that ship so that they may arrive safely at the home of their youth. ✱ ✱ ✱
The more I examine my own heart the more opposition I find there and the less disposition to be pleased with all thy dealing with me. ✱ ✱ ✱ I am not perfectly willing to be deprived of health and to droop and die. I find within me a strong desire to live and labor in this far distant land. O may my heart be softened and may be wholly resigned to whatever awaits me.

Dec 12 Ship "Kusrovie". Thursday. Came on board last evening 6 o'clock. Yesterday the rain descended in torrents incessantly but we received a line from the Captain saying that we must be ready to sail at 8 o'clock. He was disappointed however in getting his money changed and cannot go till noon today. It is possible that we shall not go till evening or morning. Our baggage did not come on board till this morning. It is all stowed away and we are in readiness to move on towards the field of our labors. The Lord has thus far prospered us, we will trust him for the future. Left brothers Peet, French and Benham with their wives in Singapore to follow us hereafter.

13 Got under way early this morning. Have sailed about 70 miles and tried three times to get out of the straits and cannot, because both wind and tide are against us. The Capt. says there is a strong gale out at sea, so we are as well off at anchor.

17 We lay at anchor in the Strait Pedro Banca about 24 hours. Saturday afternoon about 2 P M we set sail and passed the fearful roacks before sunset, much to the satisfaction of all on board.

21 We have been favored with good winds most of the time since leaving Singapore; and good weather and bright nights and polite treatment from the ships company, all of which has contributed to our happiness. There are 57 souls on board and 10 nations are

represented: English, American, Portugese, Malay, Siamese, Hindoo, African, Spanish, Chinese, Javanese. ✕ ✕ ✕.

This is the tenth day from Singapore and we are off the natunas, making our way for the gulf of Siam. Last night we had a talk about the sleigh rides and winter evenings when a bowl of good apples would be brought on, and then the cold frozen ground and the cold fingers. We concluded that one such day as this would give you a thaw. The thermometer stands at 80 and yet we think it cool and comfortable. The sea breezes help us to come to this conclusion. While we sit with the windows open we often talk of the dear friends at home, drawing about the fire and enjoying the social evening. I suppose that if we could be transported thither we should feel the need of warmer clothing than we have ever yet worn. I am thinking much of the cool season of Siam.

28 We are almost to the bar (of the Menam) where we expect to anchor. ✕ ✕ ✕ This voyage is short, very short for this time of the year, it being now the northeast monsoon. No native ship will venture to go against the monsoon.
We are sailing beautifully this morning between ranges of islands which lie along the e and w coast. I can scarcely content myself to do anything but look at them.
Sunset. We have just anchored at the bar. Can hardly see the land it is so low. We feel that we are near our home while we stay here below, that is if we are permitted to stay.

29 We have had a quiet and pleasant Sabbath. Had services twice which were attended by the Captain and mate. Since dinner sisters Ann and Mary and myself have had a precious season of prayer, in which we have newly consecrated ourselves to the services of the Lord.

YEAR 1840

Jan 1 Arrived in Bangkok this morning, about five o'clock and was cordially welcomed to our long expected field for labor by the dear brethren and sisters. ✕ ✕ ✕ We fondly hope this will be a Happy new year. The brethren think we had better take up lodgings with them for the present. It will be less expensive for the mission. This eve the sisters had a prayer meeting after which the brethren have a social gathering.

2 The brethren have visited the Praklang. The found him overseeing some building that he is fitting up. ✕ ✕ ✕ After dinner went across the river to the house where Dr B distributed books. A large number came but all did not want books. They wished to see me, as I was the only lady with the gentlemen ✕ ✕ ✕ Visited the Baptist brethren today and found them pleasant and agreeable and happy to see us. The principal street of the city passes directly by their place, and in front of it was a large yard covered with green grass. This is what we did not expect to find here.
The graves also of Mrs Gutzlaff, Mrs Jones and Mr Reed and some children were enclosed in a little yard in front of their homes.

This evening Prince Chao Fa (Noi) called to see us. He is kind and agreeable, very unlike my ideas of a heathen nobleman. Speaks English well. He sat by the table and took a cup of tea with us. We hope to visit him soon.

6 Sat eve, Chao Ka Tai, another Siamese nobleman, called to see us. He is cousin to Chao Fan Noi. It was late and I saw him only a moment; he promised to call again.

Yesterday, Sunday, we united with the dear brethren here in the celebrating of the feast of the Passover.

This evening Chao Fa called to see us. He wants to see us all at his place tomorrow--we hope to go. This evening was the monthly concert. All the brethren and sisters of both missions were present. Chao Fa came before the meeting closed and came in, and sat till it closed. Then Br B explained to him the object of it. This is the first time he has ever been in a meeting.

8 Yesterday visited Chao Fa with Br and Sister R, br and sister C and Miss Pierce. Dr B and husband had gone to the ship to see to our goods. We were received and treated very politely and kindly by the Prince and his lady.

The ladies enjoyed our visit much. I suppose more because they are not allowed to go out often. They gathered around us and felt of our hands and examined our clothing, and amused themselves asking for the English names of certain parts of our persons and clothing. They are fine figures and have intelligent faces, and are genteel in their appearance. Their hair is dressed neatly; it is really very becoming and convenient in this hot climate.

They seemed very happy when the Prince was not in the room; then they could walk upright and measure themselves by us to see which was the tallest. But soon as the Prince made his appearance they were all on their knees. They never sit in chairs. Two or three of them wore bracelets on their wrists and jewels in their ears, but most of them were dressed plain; simply the sarong about the hips and a scarf thrown about the shoulders--this was yellow crepe and covered nearly all the upper part of the body.

Before we left the Prince must needs have us take tea with him, probably that he might show a little more of the splendor he was able to maintain. He is fond of anything that is foreign and adopts English customs as far as he can when we visit him. A table was spread with a green cloth trimmed with red fringe. Then our repast was served up in English style. He gave us tea and coffee with bread, butter, cheese and various kinds of cakes and sweetmeats, all rich and nice.

He took us about his palace and showed all his curiosities, which were bugs, flies, butterflies, the most beautiful I ever saw, crabs, fishes, squirrels and birds and snakes. On the top of one of his cupboards was the skeleton of a sheep, monkey and common fowl. He pretends to repair watches and clocks, and over the door is placed the American Eagle. He gathers his curiosities from all parts of the earth, wherever he can, and he has now sent one of his favorite servants to Dr Bradley's to learn English so he can send him to America to get other things.

We had a pleasant visit in every respect but one; I could not endure to see those beautiful females so degraded that they must

crawl about and sit on the floor in Chao Fa's presence.

Feb 11 Visited Cao Katai yesterday and his father, and had a fine walk in the garden. It is laid out handsomely and with taste, with New England care and cultivation. Siam might be made a paradise. We passed the king's residence. The natives in passing, fall on their knees and if they have on hats they take them off. Chao Katai is one of the most amiable young men of Siam. He speaks English quite well and seemed to enjoy the visit much. We were treated to various kinds of cakes and tea. * * *
Caroline, the little girl Mrs Johnson redeemed and took at her own, has come to live with me. She has heretofore had a number of homes and mistresses, and has become quite unmanageable and so they sent her to me because I have no other children about me, hoping that I will make her a good girl.

26 On the 20th Br and Sister Caswell became the joyful parents of a fine son. * * * The babe and its mother are comfortably well today.
Mr H has been quite unwell a few days past. We think the cause is a severe cold which has seemed to affect his lungs somewhat. We hope not very seriously however.

27 Brother and sister Benham are at the river bar; we hope to see them face to face. The other brethren could not come on account of the (financial ?) embarrassment of the mission. * * *
I feel unwell today, more so than usual. May I be submissive to the will of God. O may I have strength of body and mind to perform every duty. Give me more grace and humility; help me to cultivate more and more the Christian graces. May I manifest to all around that I have and enjoy the fruits of the Spirit.

28 Today dismissed our teacher on account of the embarrassment of the mission. We also hear that there is a great pressure in America. Now is a fine time for the church to do her duty. Oh, the thousands could throw the remainder into the treasury of the Lord.

Mar 3 Welcomed Br and Sister Benham to our home and hearts. We are glad to see them so well and happy.

4 Great times today; the sun is eclipsed. There is firing of guns and beating of gongs to keep the sun from being wholly destroyed.
Apr 11 The week past we have experienced a deep affliction. Monday evening was our concert of prayer and Br Benham went alone, there being none of the Baptist brethren able to attend. Going home his men mistook the landing place and passed by a quarter of a mile. Then finding their mistake turned to come back. Owing to some fault of the steerman the boat struck a junk, upset and Br Benham was drowned. The men barely escaped. We suppose that Br B sunk and went under the junk for he could not then be seen by any one, though immediate search was made. The tides were so strong we thought it doubtful whether we could recover the body, but in this the Lord was kind. Wednesday A M the body rose at the other end of the junk and it was taken and consigned to the grave. * * * Husband

and myself spent most of the time with sister B from Monday night till Thursday eve, when she came to live at Br Robinson's.

May 4 This day is held by the mission as a day of fasting and prayer. We feel that the heathen are fast hastening to eternity without the knowledge of a dying and risen Savior; and if they are to become acquainted with the gospel through means used by the church, O how ungrateful for us to be so quiet.

29 Yesterday Brs Peet and French arrived. They are all in good health but very tired. * * *

June 22 Just one year since our parting visit. What changes may have taken place with regard to those dear friends I know not; but this much I know, we are all hastening to eternity fast, very fast. Soon it will be said of us that we are laid in the grave and gone to give up our account to the Judge of all.

30 Dined at Chao Cha OOm's. All the missionaries were invited by his son to visit them and to take dinner. This son who invited us was going to have his head shaved and become a priest that day. We saw a part of the ceremony which was carried on by Bramins, they being considered more holy than Siamese. It is the first heathen festival to which any of the missionaries have been invited.

July 6 Today Mr H is 30 years old. One year ago today we left Boston.

9 Sister Benham has become the joyful mother of a fine little girl. May it be a consoltation to her in their time of trial. God give her grace to train it for thy service and kingdom.

30 The brethren have gone to bury the little babe of Sister B. At the time of its birth Sister B had the variloid. How she came by it we do not know, for she has not been out for two or three weeks. In the very height of the disease she gave birth of a little daughter who took the disease from her mother.

31 Husband is sick today; slight as it appears now there may be the seeds of a long sickness. He nursed little Marion a good deal. There seemed to be but three of us to depend upon, the rest being sick or having young children. Miss Pierce, husband and myself took turns.

Aug 8 This morning my husband has taken breakfast with us and led family prayers for the first time since the last date. He has had what is called jungle fever. It ran high for five days, then turned but left him weak. He is now improving somewhat everyday.

21 Today for the first time have been within the city walls. Visited one of the great men of the east, called Kromma Khun Date.

30 Today Caroline seems more interested than I have ever known her in holy things. She says she truly in her heart loves to talk about good things and asked me very childlike, what could be the matter. This, though but little, I hope to be the beginning of

some serious thoughts in her heart.

Sept 27 Mrs Davenport has become the mother of a fine son today. Oh, may she be a wise, prudent and discreet mother.

Oct 3 About noon news came to Caroline that her mother was dead. She died last evening. She buried a son five days since, ten days old. She has left three boys of the ages of nine, five and two, also a second husband, grandparants, brothers and sisters.

Soon as the news came Mr H and myself thought best to take C. home that she might have the pleasure of seeing her mother look natural. We found her decently laid out on a frame made for the occasion and just large enough for the body. It was roughly made of bamboo, and covered with clothes of various colors, which had been worn by the deceased. A large company of relatives and friends gathered around, partly to see us and partly to mourn with Caroline.

The old father and mother wept long and loud. They all showed signs of strong affection, but when the body is out of sight they will forget it all. They request of us that C might stay all night, but we thought it not best, and so concluded that we would go ourselves with her tomorrow to see the burning which is to take place about noon.

4 This morning soon after breakfast we repaired to the home of the deceased. They were all busy preparing for the burning. They had drums with various instruments of music, which is common while the dead remain in the house. At intervals of perhaps half an hour they would weep and wail. The friends seeming to take their turn in regular order.

They got ready about noon. The corpse was put in a coffin and supported by six men. The bier was trimmed in heathen taste which at a distance appears rich, but nearby is very coarse and roughly made. The place of burning was about half a mile back in the edge of a rice field. All followed the corpse. The bier was placed on the spot of burning and then the priests came from a wat nearby and performed various ceremonies.

The coffin was then taken down, the friends went to look in for the last time. The bier was chopped down and cut for the fire. The wood was then laid and the coffin placed on it. Then wood was placed in the coffin on the body. Then the fire was put under. Perhaps I ought to have said that the bottom of the coffin was only strips of bamboo, so that the fire would consume the most part of the body before the coffin would be much burned. Soon as the fire was well agoing all returned home. Caroline seemed serious and much inclined to ask many questions with regard to the meaning of those things.

14 This morning about 9 o'clock we supposed we felt the effects of an earthquake. I was sitting at work and felt the motion of the house distinctly. The first that attracted my attention was a dizzy sensation in my head and immediately I felt the house move. Our teacher too noticed it and spoke of it, also the boy living with us. Probably we shall hear soon where it was the most severe. We inquired of our teacher what the Siamese thought was the reason the earth quaked. He said some thought there was a great fish in the

earth and it, turning over and moving about caused the earth to quake.

15 Received letters from home this morning. We rejoiced that our friends had heard from us, for we knew the time would seem much longer to them than to us. * * * Every letter brings news of some death, and that we must expect, of course. Perhaps the next will bring news of Sister B's death. If so, may we be prepared for it. Mr and Mrs Goddard members of the Baptist Mission are on the bar.

16 Mr Goddard and family arrived. Last Tuesday while Dr B was at the tract house he had one request for baptism. The first he ever had. It was from a Siamese man who had been a weekly inquirer for a year.

19 This morning the king made his first annual visit to the Wat. Every year he visits a few of the principal wats and makes presents to all. While passing, all the Siamese must bow down to the ground and foreigners must sit down. Just before he passed our house an officer came to tell us what was proper with regard to sitting or standing, being in the house or out. They made a fine appearance; something like forty or fifty boats going before him and about the same number after. There was much less pomp than I had expected and they were more quiet.

21 This day reminds me of my own age. I have been thinking of the way in which the Lord has led me and I find mercies without number. Indeed I know not how to bless God enough, His kindness has been so great.

Dec 7 Monthly concert. This day we, as a mission, hold as a day of fasting and prayer. We cannot be as retired as we would like because we wish not to make a display. This ought not to be a serious objection because the Lord looketh on the heart. All is confusion about us, but if our hearts are right we need not fear.

YEAR 1841

Jan 7 A few of us have taken a ride today of perhaps 8 or 10 miles. We visited a splendid wat named Cham Tang, said to have been built by the present King before he ascended the throne. In one apartment there was an immense Idol reclining, resting his head on one hand; in another was a smaller one sitting on his feet; in another were idols of two sizes, the smaller worshipping the larger. The doors and windows of temples are all inwrought with pearl which gives them a splendid appearance at some distance. After looking about a while we took our boats and rode a few miles farther and stopped to dine under a large tree and at last found a little shed which answered our purpose very well. We reached home about 3 P.M.

30 This evening Mr Davenport and Mr Dean embarked for Singapore. Both are in poor health and are hoping a voyage at sea will do them

good. My own health has been poor for a week past. I sometimes feel that God is about to lay me aside from being useful here below. If so I will be content. I have done but little yet in this field of labor. The little girl I have with me I hope has been praying with a view to glorify God.

Feb 19 The 11th of this month was a year since Caroline came to us. * * * She is now about 10 years of age and there is no time to lose in her training.

Since the commencement of this year my own health has almost failed and at times I have felt that I must be laid aside entirely from labor, but if this be the Lord's will I hope to be submissive.

Mar

5 This day the brethren have organized a church and as they have united themselves in covenant vows in this far distant land, so in heart may they be united in carrying on the work of the Lord here.

7 This day we have commemorated the dying love of Christ together as a church for the first time on heathen ground. After renewing our covenant vows the ordinance of baptism was administered to Br and Sister Peet's infant daughter. This is an important and interesting era in the history of this mission. We hope good will result from it; if we are faithful to and for each other and the Lord will bless us, but if we are separated in heart we need not expect the blessing of God.

15 On the 12th we were all made to rejoice by letters and papers from home. Oh, Ye loved ones in America, if you knew and could realize what it is to be on heathen ground you would have some idea of the pleasure we feel on receiving anything from home. Then you would not be so ready to make the excuse my good Brother Lewis has made in his letter, when he says "I have not written before, because I thought your friends were all writing."

Apr 7 Another Br is fallen in Siam. Mr Slafter died today. He was of the Baptist Mission and had great desires to labor long and much for this poor people. Still he felt that the Lord could and would carry on his work though we all be taken away.

May 8 This morning we heard of the arrival of a ship and this eve we received letters from home. I had five sheets and a half. How good my friends are to give me so much of their time. * * * Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have arrived. Mr Dean of the Baptist Mission has returned from Singapore. He went for his health. While absent his child was taken sick and it was thought best that Mrs Dean should go on a voyage immediately. She left us the 22nd of April. Mrs Goddard's health is poor. Hope she will not be obliged to leave, but we fear she will. The Baptist Mission is deeply afflicted at present.

June 22 Last night Mrs Dean arrived, well and safe. She burried little Edmund on May 13. He lies in one of the Islands of the sea. Alone, as it were, but his little spirit has gone to God.

July 1 Br Johnson is again called to walk through deep waters. His dear wife died today. Just 8 months since they were married and not two since they arrived here. She came the picture of health, but how soon cut down.

1841

Sept 5 Sabbath. A few days since two of the workmen in the printing office requested Baptism. They seem anxious publicly to profess Christ. They had been more attentive to preaching and religious instruction and more steady in their work for a few months past. We cannot but feel that the spirit of God is with us and ready to bless us. Thursday evening our cook called Mr H into the veranda to speak with him and the first question was "How shall I pray?" We have noticed a seriousness of manner for a week, but was not aware that anything special was on his mind. Last evening husband had a season of prayer with him and was surprised to find him able to pray so understandingly. He has been with us three months and was the most ignorant person when he came that we have ever had in our employ. He could not read, but has since learned to read a little. He is a man not far from thirty and is lame in his feet. He is now free to say that he wishes to join us and become a desciple of Jesus. * * * I feel condemned that I have ever indulged the thought that this poor man was too ignorant to be benefited. I hope never to forget the lesson it has taught me. I have been desirous of keeping him only because he has done my work and not made me as much trouble as others whom I have employed. Oh what a motive!

7 Two individuals were examined today and a day appointed for their baptism and admission into the church. Their names are Booah and Yoi, as near as I can Romanize them.

12 An infant child of one of Dr B's servants died today, being only a few days old. It's father is in a very interesting state of mind. He appears like a young convert in many respects. We hope a good work has begun in his heart.

23 A church meeting today. Kim and Moe were examined and propounded for admission to the church. Now four stand propounded.

Oct 3 This day was appointed for the reception of Booah and Yoi. They came to the preparatory meeting yesterday but after meeting told our Pastor they probably should not come forward. Yoi lives with Mr Jones and now at this late date he doubts with regard to baptism and Booah thinks he must go with Yoi thus our expectations are disappointed today. * * *. Not withstanding our disappointment we had a season of Communion. It was solemn and interesting. All the men and women in the employ of the mission families were present together with many others. Most of the services were in Siamese. Many present had never witnessed this ordinance before and they gave good attention.

14 Spent the day with Sister F. She is so much like my folks that I feel at home with her. She is a most precious sister. I know not how I can part with her, but if it is her duty to go, she

must not stay. Her husband is thinking of a voyage for his health. If they should go they will never return probably.

22 Br French has had three turns of spitting blood today and is very feeble this evening.

23 My husband stayed with Br F last night; a part of the time he rested quietly. Today he is feeble and sometimes we fear that he is to die very soon and again we know he may recover from this attack and live a month still.

Nov 6 Received a letter today from my dear mother telling me just what I have been wishing to hear about Sister Charlotte. Many thanks to her for the information and also what she told me of herself. It is the best letter for news about those I love that I have yet received.

7 Sabbath. Communion today, but I could not attend. If I am alive I hope to be present at the next. The Lord knows what is in store for me and what I am to suffer. I hope to be perfectly resigned to His blessed will.

YEAR 1842

Jan 23 Since the last date I have had many blessings and mercies bestowed upon me. On November 30th, 1841 I became the mother of a little boy. For a week or so I was sick, but the Lord spared my life. On January 3rd Communion service was held at our house. Our little babe Lewis Hunt was baptized. It was a solemn ordinance and I hope we did it understandingly. Br Caswell officiated and spoke of the duties of parents to children.

Feb 14 Very early this morning Br French was called to his long home. His departure was calm and peaceful, and his faith strong and unwaivering till the last. Through all his sickness there was an increase of personal holiness. We shall ever delight to remember him as a faithful servant of Christ. May we copy his Christian example in following the Savior.

15 The remains of Br French have been committed to the grave. We have done for him all that we can. Dear Sister Catherine has returned from the grave a lone widow. On February 5th Mr and Mrs Dean left us for some station in China.

Mar 6 Just one year ago today our little church was organized and we have had the pleasure this day of having one added to our number. Moe, a Siamese lad, has at length gained strength enough to come forward and own Christ. He seems firm and says shall not mind what his people may say.

June 13 Today Mrs Jones has become the mother of a little daughter. She had no one with her but her husband, as Dr Bradley is at the bar.

Aug 21 The first of this month Mr H, felt the need of a little medicine which he took and then by thoughtless exposure took a severe cold which settled on his lungs. For a few days it seemed

almost impossible to break it up, but at last it yielded to the effects of medicine.

Oct 29 My dear mother's birthday, 68 years of age. Oh! How time rolls away. I cannot realized it. Dear mother, I have thought much of you today.

31 We have received letters from home today. We have almost read ourselves sick. We were made to weep and rejoice. Oh, how many changes. Soon all will be gone and another generation will succeed us and our accounts sealed forever.

Nov 21 Sabbath. This is a cool and pleasant Sabbath. There have been some fears of late that the Smallpox would come into our families among the children. There are 11 children who have not had the Kine Pox and they will be exposed more or less all the cool and dry season.

28 Sarah Peet's birthday. She is two years old. This morning she with four others was inoculated for the Smallpox, all being children of the missionary. The Smallpox is all around them in the native houses and it is so very uncertain whether we could keep the children from being exposed that all agreed it was best to inoculate.

Dec 14 It is now the cool season and the Smallpox is all about us among the natives. Several children have died with it. Owing to their ignarance, or perhaps, carelessness, they suffer extremely in many cases. It is much more prevalent than any year before since our residence here. Mary Buel has had it by contagion. She is now nearly well and has suffered very little comparatively. Wm. P. Buel, Sarah Peet, Josiah and Eliza Goddard and Martha Jones have had it by inoculation. This morning Henry French, Benham Robinson and our Lewis have been inoculated. Little Hariet Bradley has taken it by contagion and just begins to break out.

15 This morning George C and two or three native children connected with the family of Mr Caswell have been inoculated. Harriet B is very sick.

18 Lewis has a light fever this morning. Harriet continues very sick. She is seven month old.

20 Lewis has a high fever, he has been quite sick for several hours. Little Harriet is very sick tonight. It is near the turning point. Oh, May she be spared to her fond parents, but the Lord's will be done. The other children are comfortable.

25 Lewis seems to improve. The pustules continue to appear but they are small and scattering. I hope that he will soon be well. Dear little Henry F. is suffering very much today. He is a feeble child and can bear but little. We had all hoped he would have it light.

30 This evening dear little Harriet breathed her last. The Lord has taken her, we believe, and blessed be His name. She is the only

one out of 11 that has died. Ten little children who have had the smallpox seem to be getting well. We have much reason for praise and thanksgiving.

YEAR 1843

Jan 3 Sarah Peet is quite sick with a swelling about the throat.

19 We have thought Sarah to be mending on the whole, but today she seems much worse. Her little body begins to swell. Her feet have swollen several days.

22 Early this morning Dr Bradley was sent for to visit Sarah. She has had a bad night and is much worse.

23 Sarah is numbered with the dead. Last evening she crossed the stormy bank and we trust she met the Savior there, or perhaps I should say we hope and trust that she enjoys His blissful presence.

Mar 5 Sometime in November we heard that our Baptist Brethren were prohibited distributing books; or perhaps it would be more correct to say their books were all rejected by both the Siamese and Chinese. In a short time, however, the Chinese began to receive them again. It was proclaimed that the King had given orders to burn all the books in circulation and the people were affrighted and dared not receive any more. Presently our hired help began to fear lest their living with us should be the means of their receiving some dreadful punishment or perhaps death itself. Some left, but others staid, yet trembled.

Soon, however, we learned that there was no just reason to fear. We believe the King has issued no such order at all. The petty officers have done all the mischief, probably to extort money from the people. Through the months of December and January it was a solemn serious time. In Februsary the Lord so far stirred up the 2nd Praklang as to cause him to send to Dr Bradley for books for the purpose of examining them for himself. The first Praklang was then sick and had been for some weeks and the second Praklang was attending to the business for him. About a week since the first Praklang sent for a book to amuse himself while sick. Some priests began to ask for certain books to examine. It has been told that there was a general destruction of all the books by fire across the river, but we doubt it somewhat.

We know not what to believe, except what we see for ourselves. We know this much that there is a change and we hope for the furtherance of the gospel. Formerly was all quiet and peace, now the enemy is on the alert and we hope the spirit of God is working among the people. There is not so much listlessness as formerly and this we consider quite favorable. Some seem to think quite seriously and we hope are long to see many seeking earnestly for the salvation of their souls. * * * A curious light appeared in the west this evening.

7 The light spoken of above has proved to be a comet.

Apr 30 The comet was seen nearly a month.
(Editor's Note: There is an omission of entries till the next date given.)

July 2 Mr H Commences his pastorship today. It is Communion.

Sept I have had a course of fever, not very sick, but confined about a month to the house.

Oct 6 Mr H. is complaining of cold and cough. We hope, however, it will soon wear away and he will become well again. Sister F's boxes have gone on board ship. Such seems to be the providence of God. Oh, that she may be guided by His spirit continually.

Nov 6 Capt Brown was married this day to Mrs Slafter.

7 They left Bangkok for the ship, Mrs French and Henry also. Mr H has gone with them.

30 Master Lewis is two years old today. From this time I intend to teach him to say the Lord's prayer while kneeling. He is a bright healthy, active boy. Dear Savior help us that we as parents may discharge our whole duty to this dear child.

Dec 4 Today husband and Mr Buel have left for Petchaburi. They expect to be gone two weeks. They took a good supply of tracts and portions of the scripture and they hope to have the privilege of distributing them. They were well and in good spirits.

12 Mrs Buel is still very sick. Someone has been with her all the time. Mr Buel has not yet returned, though he has been sent for the second time. We have heard from then once, they were well and enjoying their neighbors very much. Hope they will return soon on Mrs B's account. Oh, that their labors may be blessed to the salvation of souls.

14 This afternoon husband and Mr B returned, having had a very pleasant and profitable time. They hurried along much faster than they had intended, after hearing of the sickness of Mrs B.

30 My dear boy is 25 months old this day. He is very rugged. The Lord is good and his tender mercies are over us continually. The measles are prevalent now. Nearly all the children have had them. We have had more cold weather than usual. We feel quite refreshed.
Mr H's pastorship closes today. The catechumen class will pass into other hands. Sometimes they are quite awake and then sometimes quite asleep. Moe, our native brother has been called home and severly flogged for a trivial offence. Some attempts have been made to free his brother but it failed. Our hopes have been strong that he would become a Christian and be useful.

YEAR 1844

Jan 1 Four years ago this morning we arrived in Bangkok, Mr and

Mrs C, Miss P, Mr H and myself. We were then full of hope that our labors would be blessed to some of this people and that we should be the humble instruments of bringing some souls to Christ. We have had joys and sorrows, afflictions and prosperity. Still this little band which landed first are all spared and most of us in good health. The Lord be praised, His infinite kindness is over us continually.

I hope to be more fruitful in the future. I know that I have not done all that I might have done to save this people from their sins. I have neglected to warn them of their danger while out of Christ. I have not the command of their language and thus excuse myself many times, but this I now feel to be wrong. I can tell them the story of Christ, His Mission to this world, His death and resurrections, which if they believe, they can be saved.

Yesterday I endeavored to impress upon Catherine her great danger in delaying to give herself to Christ. She wept and seemed sober and respectful all day, but I fear the work is not done. She has grieved me much of late by showing such a love for sin; trying to deceive and telling lies to cover it. I had fondly hoped that she had given this up entirely, but the heart Oh, how wicked! nothing but the spirit of God can make it clean.

2 Today two Chinamen have been propounded for admission into the church. Thus the Lord is helping the labor of our Chinese brethren. The man who was baptized in Singapore by Mr Johnson was present. He seemed deeply interested. I wish he might now gain strength to come forward and own Christ, before his fellow countrymen.

Jan 3 Today Mr H has gone out for the day to preach and distribute portions of scripture and religious tracts. He likes this work very much and if he has health will pursue it for the present.

5 Yesterday was an interesting day. It will long be remembered by us. It was appointed as a day of Thanksgiving by our Baptist friends and all of our mission were invited to attend. ✕ ✕ ✕ While the mercies of the past year were brought up before us, I trust we were all melted into humility. A hymn was prepared for the occasion. All the exercises were pleasant and I trust profitable. After meeting, a bountiful repast was spread for us which reminded us of the loving kindness of God and the care which he bestows on our temporal necessities.

7 Have once more commemorated the dying love of our Savior. There was also received to the church two Chinamen. They appeared solemn and serious. I trust they are the true children of God. At least they have shown themselves willing to come forward and obey this last command from our Savior. Cornelius Beach, son Dr. B, was baptized today. The whole occasion was solemn and full of interest. It will long be remembered by our little church.

9 A steamer from England has arrived. The steamer has come up the river. It is the first that ever ventured here. The owners have expected the king would buy it. It is not certain yet, however, that he will. Husband has been away today for the purpose of preaching and scattering the word of life among this people.

Feb 3 Tomorrow we expect to sit around the table of our Blessed Lord and commemorate his dying love to sinners, with Mr. Buel, who anticipates laaving us for a time, perhaps forever. His wife is recovering slowly, but they feel that she will recover somewhat faster by voyage at sea. The ships have all left Bangkok. She stopped to take in their cargo outside the bar.

4 Went to the lower station to attend the Communion. Mr Buel administered it. Had a pleasant season. It is probably the last time we shall all sit together around the table of our Lord.

11 Four years today since Caroline came to live with us. She is now a tall girl. We have learned by record of her birth which her old grandfather kept that she was 14 in January. She gives no evidence of being a Christian as yet.

16 Visited Mrs. Peet today. Had a pleasant visit. About noon Caroline's aunt came, saying that Pra Nai Si wanted her for a wife. We felt quite confident that her friends wish to sell her again, but we do not intend to give her into their hands.

17 All the gentlemen have been invited to dinner today by Kroma Luang Rak. He is the highest officer in the kingdom. They wish to talk about the taking of the guns and the steamer, "Express".

24 The steamer has gone, taking Mr & Mrs Buel and Mr Hunter. I wish them a pleasant voyage and safe arrival at Singapore.

June A fire near Sampeng. Rice is dear for there is scarcity and the poor suffer much in many places. The King, nobles and peoples are in excitement. A great many thefts are committed, beggars multiply around our doors. Sometime since the doctor operated upon the eye of one of the king's highest officers. The result was very good. This circumstance has given more influence among the people. The officers of the government are beginning to feel that he is superior to their own physician.
Mr Caswell's house has been broken open of late and quite a quantity of clothing taken. A few nights after, another attempt was made but they did not succeed. A month since perhaps, the printing office was broken open and much that was valuable taken.

15 Miss Pierce is sick. Seems to be failing, perhaps, never to recover.

21 Mr Johnson dined with us today. Friends are all busy getting letters off by Capt Luce who sails for China soon.

24 This morning we were very agreeably surprised by letters from home. Friends are well and happy. 5 years ago this morning we bade our beloved home, dear parents, brothers and sisters and all connected with them adieu. How fast the years roll away. I then did not think I should live so long in a hot climate, but now I am well and have as much prospect for good health here as anyone of the missionaries in Bangkok. That is as good as I expect to enjoy in any hot climate. If I was in my native climate, I think I should

feel much more like laboring to advantage.

July 1 This morning Mr. Johnson is returning from this place to his home steered his boat onto the cable of a junk and was overturned into the river. He was under the junk awhile but length came out and rose to the top of the water and was caught by a Chinaman and saved. I hope the narrow escape will make him more careful in the future. He has been turned into the river five or six times by his own carelessness, but every time has been mercifully preserved.

6 Husband's birthday. 34 years of age. 5 years ago this day we left Boston. The Lord has been with us and guided us in much mercy and blessed be His name.

10 Last Sabbath the 7th was Br Lyman's birthday. He is 50 years old, still a wanderer from one part of the glove to the other in ships.

16 Mr Hunter has returned from Singapore. There are three ships lying on the bar from Singapore.

Aug 5 Had a meeting with the children this morning. It is the first one and was a novel thing to them, but I hope I may be the means of doing them good. There were six of them.

9 Another meeting with the children. I hope to meet them every week.

23 Mother's meeting. I took charge of the children. Plenty of business.

Sept 22 Sabbath morning. Our dear missionary sister Mary E. Pierce died today. Her end was peaceful, without a groan or a struggle. a little past 8 she ceased to breathe, thus commencing her Eternal Sabbath on this Holy day. She has for months past given abundant evidence of her preparedness for this great change. She has been aware of her situation and made it her chief business to prepare to die.

23 Mary is consigned to the grave. She was buried in a piece of ground lying back of the Baptist Mission, and owned by that mission. She was the first buried there. Her grave is under a Mango tree.

29 Today I shall commence having an exercise with the native females. Hitherto Mary has taught them.

Nov 9 The birthday of Clara Lucretia Hemenway.

30 Dear Lewis is 3 years old today. Tomorrow we intend to send him to Sabbath school. Oh, May the Lord draw him by his spirit that he may become a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Jan 1 We have had a New Year's meeting today. All the missionaries in Bangkok were present except Mrs. Peet. She is not well, but is improving in health. Our mission invited the Baptist friends to unite with us. Dined at Dr Bradley's. We have had a pleasant day among ourselves, but some of the men who are employed by us have taken the opportunity to drink more than they can conceal.

5 Our Communion season. My dear babe was baptized. Also Mrs. Robinson's.

7 Started on our contemplated tour. Took all our family, Mr Robinson and family went with us. Pra Nai Wai very kindly let us have his schooner, in which we were very comfortable. Visited Bangplasoi, Bancheemok, Bampah, Cosichang an island, and Anghin the place where Dr Tracey and Mr Robinson spent a few months with their sick children. We were gone 10 days and found all well on our return.

Mar 29 Husband was sick several days with the Ague and fever. He has had a cough from which he is not free now, but has been improving slowly for a week. I still have fears that his cough will never be removed, but I hope to be prepared for the whole will of God. Mr and Mrs Jones are about to leave for Singapore, Mrs J being in miserable health.

Apr 5 Mr and Mrs Jones have gone to Singapore. They left for the ship yesterday. I have now to record the goodness of God in restoring to health my husband. Though he has not yet his full strength still he is improving daily. The children are well, and my own health is good as usual. Thus God is blessing us and doing us good every day.

May 5 Mr Johnson has been unwell some time past and has now gone out to the bar for relief. Dear Sister B is very unwell, and Dr B thinks of leaving this place for a while. Lewis is unwell, has been running down for a long time, but in such a way that I have not felt particularly troubled. I hope all these afflictions will work together for our good. John A Robinson is sick with a fever. Mrs C is complaining. The weather is bad. A great number of the Siamese are sick.

23 This is a trying time with us now. The Lord is showing us that we must be ready and waiting for His call. Last night Mrs Bradley was taken bleeding at the lungs. This afternoon she is better. Lewis has been better for a few days past. John Robinson has nearly recovered. The rest of us are well as usual.

June 25 Mr Jones has returned with his family. Mrs J's health is somewhat improving. Mrs Peet has frequent ill turns from which I fear she will never wholly recover. Mrs Bradley seems to be failing rapidly.

July 4 Lewis is very well now. All the children seem pretty well. The mumps are around about. Jane has them. Toy has been doing badly. Oh, what wickedness among this people. It comes to our knowledge in new forms frequently.

Aug 2 This is a day of solemn interest. Mrs Bradley has been called to her final home. She died in peace. Her hold on Christ was strong and unwavering. She said but little, enough however, to leave a lasting impression on the minds of those standing around her bedside

Sept 18 Mr and Mrs Jones have left. Mr and Mrs Peet have returned, Mrs P being much improved in health. Mr Johnson has left for Singapore in a Bombay ship with Capt Pierce. Mr Jones proceeds immediately to Canton to take passage for American. (Mrs Jones died a few weeks before reaching America.)

Oct 8 Husband has been unwell for some time past, caused by a cold, he thinks, but I have had fears that his lungs were considerably affected. Today is the first time he has owned to me that he thought so. We know not what the Lord has in store for us, but we do feel that he will do all things in mercy.

Nov 5 Since the last date Mr H has become much better, so that he calls himself well. Yesterday Mr Robinson's family left us for Singapore and perhaps for the Cape of Good Hope. Br Robinson is poorly and thinks that a change of climate will do him good. He left here in "The Prince of Wales", Jones Capt.

9 This day my dear little Clara is one year old. She is a dear child, very mild and pleasant. She has had but little sickness and now is very well.

Dec 1 Lewis has begun to learn to read today. His father gives him two lessons a day. Has also commenced teaching him in Siamese. This is an experiment, whether it will be best to pursue it long we cannot tell.

YEAR 1846

Jan 1 Br and Sister Caswell and Br and Sister Goddard have spent the day with us. It has been pleasant and I trust profitable.

4 Our Communion season. Moe has been received again to enjoy the privileges of the church. He came of his own accord, and begged that he might return, and also requested that his child might receive baptism. Br Caswell is pastor now.

6 Mr and Mrs Caswell have left for a tour up the river to be gone a few days, taking all their family. Husband arose this morning and was soon taken with a severe chill, followed by fever.

15 Mr H has quite recovered and feels very well. Br and Sister Caswell have returned. They are all very well and have had a pleasant time.

22 Mr H has had a fit of the ague and fever. Lewis and Clara are both unwell.

27 Lewis has been coughing today. Dr B thinks his children have the whooping cough. If so, it may be that Lewis has it. I think it more probable, they all have hard colds.

Feb 22 Husband has had chills and fever the past week. He begins to feel that his lungs are affected. I fear he is in quite the last stages of the consumption, though he does not seem to be aware of it at all.

23 Dr B has examined husband this evening with the stethoscope. He says there is no disease of the lungs; if there is, it must be in its first stages.

Mar 5 Friday noon. Tuesday we tumbled ourselves into Pra Nai Wai's schooner and started for the ship "Prince of Wales". Wednesday about 3 o'clock we reached the ship. We were all seasick enough but no sooner on board than quite well again. Thursday the Capt. and family got on board and this evening which is Friday, the sails were hoisted and we have started for Singapore. We have taken this voyage on account of husband's health. He has complained of a pain in the chest, yesterday and today. We are not certain what is the cause. I hope we shall be directed what to do and how to do it that we may reap all the benefits possible and be spared to return to our home and labor many years for the Siamese.

26 (Singapore) Rainy. This is the first rain we have had since leaving Siam. Never could a voyage be more pleasant. The Capt. and lady have uniformly been kind and agreeable. The old Bishop of Siam has also been pleasant and sociable. Mr H has improved in health so that we now feel that this voyage has not been in vain. We are now a few miles from Singapore and we hope to reach there today.

27 Last evening anchored in Singapore harbor. This morning husband went on shore in the first boat that came along side the ship. Called on Br Robinson's family and found them all well. He came to the ship with Mr H and after breakfast took all of us on shore. Thus have we been prospered on our way here.

Apr 3 We came to live with Mr Keasbury, missionary to the Malays in this settlement. He gives us two rooms and a seat at his table.

May 19 This morning Mr Keasbury has left us for Malacca and Penang on business for his Board, the London Missionary Society. Mr H keeps up his meetings and looks after the school and other matters, while I take charge of the household concerns together with looking after the little girls. Mr Kupper, a German missionary stopping here for a short time, preaches in Malay. Abdullah teaches the boys in the Arabic character. There are something like 25 or 30 boys, all Malays.

30 Mr Robinson's passage is engaged as far as St. Helena in the ship "Isabell", Capt. McNeilage, a Scotchman. They sail in a few

days Mr R's health is very poor. If the voyage does not recruit him, I think he cannot live long. Mrs R and the children are quite well.

June 9 Came on board ship this morning with the expectation of saling tomorrow. The Robinsons also went on board their ship this evening.

12 The Captain was detained until this morning and now we are sailing finely. The children are not quite well for both have colds which I hope will be over soon.

17 We are sailing along up the gulf on the west coast. The two first days we had good winds; since then they have been light and variable. Frequent showers yesterday. Monday morning dear little Clara got up sick with a fever. It was high all day. Yesterday she was better and we fondly hope that she will wholly recover but it came on again in the night and this morning it is very high.

19 Reached the bar of the Menam about 4 o'clock and immediately set off for Bangkok. The Capt thought we might get up in the night but we did not till about noon the next day. Dr Bradley took little Clara under his charge and was obliged to use very thorough means, which under the blessing of God proved successful.

22 Clara had a very sick day. We felt that we must give her up, but at night her fever broke and she has been getting better ever since.

29 Caroline has left us and gone to her friends, like the sow that was washed and returned to her wallowing in the mire.

July 25 Dr Bradley was sent for this evening to see Pra Nai Wai. He had just been bitten by a snake. But it is thought there will be no injury from it. About two weeks since a boy near us was bitten and died in a few hours.

The mission has voted that the Chinese Missionaries of our station may go to China. Dr Bradley is thinking of leaving in a few months. So that it now seems that we shall be only two families next year. We are well nigh broken up, but in God there is help.

Aug 2 A short time after Caroline left to go to her friends, she returned and wished to hire to some of the Baptist friends, because that would keep her near Mr. ---. This gentleman is at the head of the English Mercantile House here, but has descended to the mean act of entering into the window and seducing the only Siamese girl brought up by the mission. A girl of fifteen could not reject his suit after his having provided her with as much money as she could well spend.

Br Goddard's family have been on ship board nearly six weeks for his wife's health. She is better and there is prospect of returning health. They are expecting reinforcements soon.

7 Mr Goddard's family have returned with improved health.
12 Mr and Mrs Peet and Mr Johnson have left for the ship.

Sept 4 Capt Puddicombe sailed today, Mr Johnson being on board.

Dec 14 Mr and Mrs Jenks and child have arrived by way of China in the "Prince of Wales."

In November about the 23rd Pak died, a poor ignorant girl that used to live with Mrs French, She has been sick a long time and suffered much from her sickness and also from privation. But have pretty good evidence that she is now rejoicing in glory. This is the first case of a happy death among the natives we have known.

YEAR 1847

Jan There are but three families in our mission to commence this year. We have all taken dinner and tea with Mr and Mrs Caswell. All are enjoying good health. Soon, however, Dr Bradley will leave for America with his children. The future is all unknown to us, but we will put our trust in the Lord who is merciful and kind and we need not fear.

6 Little Martha C has been inoculated for the Smallpox. This seems to be the only way of securing her from taking it the natural way through which she would not survive. The Smallpox is now raging.

12 Kum was taken away yesterday and put in chains. She was set free afterwards by paying a few ticals.

Feb 12 Dr Bradley with his three children have left in the "Prince of Wales" for America. The same day we moved into his house.

Mar 20 Dr S R House arrived this evening from America. Mr Mattoon and wife are still at the bar. They all came from Singapore in the "Lion."

22 Mr Stephen Mattoon and wife have arrived. These dear Christian friends have at last got to their field of labor, having had a long voyage and in some respect unpleasant. But they have had enough of the help of God to feel that He has been with them. Oh, may they be a long and lasting blessing for this dying people

Apr 1 Our dear friends, the new Presbyterian missionaries have commenced housekeeping today. (There are no entries from this last date to the next one below.)

Nov 15 On May 4 a little son was given to us whom we call Edward Asa. During the month of May Mr and Mrs Goddard went on board Capt. Connor's ship for their health. About this time Capt Brown went to Singapore and was gone two months.

19 Stephen Caswell was born this day. A few days before his birth George was taken sick.

Dec 15 George Caswell died this day and Mr Goddard led the funeral service.

30 Lewis, in the midst of his play today stopped suddenly and came to me saying "Mother my conscience keeps troubling me." "Well,

what does it say to you?" "It says I must repent and get a new heart." "What is it to repent?" "To be sorry for my sins and be a good boy." I then directed him to go and pray to Jesus to give him the Holy Spirit to help him be a good boy. He then lay down his hoop and stick and went by himself to pray.

Two days ago he came to me saying "Mother my conscience speaks to me." "What does it say?" "Why, It says I must be a good boy and obey mother." I know not what this can be, except the operation of the Holy Spirit upon his heart. It is the first which I have recognized as being special. I can recall many remarks of his which have been both pleasant and interesting to us as parents, but never before have I seen so much of seriousness in his deportment at the time of conversing as now.

Some months ago Mr C talked to the children about conscience and explained its operations to them. I thought at the time Lewis did not understand him, yet I do not know that he has heard any other explanations about conscience.

YEAR 1848

Jan 2 Stephen Caswell received the ordinance of baptism today, also a child of Moe and Kum, named Jane. Mr. Hemenway administered the ordinance.

6 Yesterday and today Mr Hemenway has been out distributing books.

18 Mr H and Mr Mattoon have started on a tour today. Lewis has gone with them. Mr C's family has been going out by the day for a week past. They think it is very beneficial to Martha. About the first of January Mr Goddard began to raise blood from his lungs. He has been in poor health for some time.

26 Mr H and Mr M have returned, having had a very pleasant and profitable tour.

Feb 12 Mr Mattoon and Mr Chandler with their wives have started for Prabat.

14 Mr Hemenway has started for Rapree this morning. Oh, May the presence of the Lord go with them all, and may they be guided in wisdom that much good may be done among the perishing people.

Feb 19 Mr H returned in season to take breakfast with us. This evening Mr and Mrs Jones arrived, accompanied by Miss Morse, ten days from China in the "MayramDayram," Capt Puddicombe.

25 Mr Mattoon and wife, Mr Chandler and wife returned this morning Mr Goddard bleeds again from the lungs. Mr Caswell and Dr House have gone to Patrui. Books have been scattered freely during the past cool season. All the brethren in the Siamese department have made tours and returned well pleased with the success which they met.

Mar 3 Mr Goddard and family left for Singapore. His health is very poor. He may not return to this field again.

21 Sometime last week a rebellion broke out. Maha Tape was sent to take the leader, but was shot and has since died. The real cause of this has not come to our ears. There are many reports, but we cannot depend upon them. Later: opium proved to be the cause of this outbreak. The King has long since issued a decree against its use and the Chinese feel oppressed. In the course of a month the leaders were taken and many of the rioters, and are now suffering greatly in chains. There has been another trouble of the same kind at Patrui, but it is quelled now. The Chinese have been greatly oppressed and they begin to be very troublesome in many places.

Apr 24 About the first of this month I had an attack of fever which lasted only a few days. Yesterday Clara was sick with a high fever for all night but is better this morning. The rains seem to have commenced. The changes are trying to us.

May 18 During the last few weeks preparations have been making for the dedication of Wat Po; just now the ceremonies are taking place. The King is making presents to the priests. His princes and rulers also are entering into the work with heart and hand. It is a great time with them. A report comes this morning that Chao Fa Yai has received the appointment of second King. Much time and money has been expended in feeding the priests. There has not been so great a festival since our arrival here.

25 For a week or two past Mr H has been coughing hard. At first it proceeded from a cold, but it hangs on and we have some fears that it may be more serious than we thought at first. Martha C is very poorly. She does not seem to have life enough to build up, even though she were in another climate. Mr and Mrs Mattoon have both had a slight attack of fever during this month, but both are better now.

July 18 A few weeks since I heard of the death of my dear mother. Oh, What a tie to earth is broken. How much I have longed to see her once more. May we meet in Heaven. She died January 1848, aged 73. * * * *

We are now alone in our mission. Mr Caswell took his leave of the A. B. C. F. M. last day of June. Whether this mission is to be continued or not is yet to be seen. Trade has commenced betweeh here an Batavia, or perhaps I should say has been revived. Mr. Joseph from that place has come to stop for a while to see what he can do. The King's elephants are dying and he is very sad. One of beaufiful color has died and he thinks his own days are near to a close. Superstition reigns in the heart of the people.

July 24 Mr Caswell is sick today. Mrs Mattoon is better in some respects. Mr H is not well, but what it will lead to I do not know. I hope we shall be prepared for the blessed will of God.

Aug 13 Sabbath. This has been a day of darkness and great trial to Mr H, but after having some conversation with him on spiritual

things and reading some precious portions of the scripture he appeared better. Monday he commenced a calomel course to see what it would do for him. We hope it will prove a permanent benefit.

19 Mr H begins to improve. Oh, May we be directed by wise and kind Providence to the use of such means as shall be for the further restoration of health, so that we may still remain at our post an unbroken family.

22 Mr H continues to grow better and we hope it will prove permanent. * * * This evening we took tea to Br Caswell's. Lewis, after retiring to rest got up again and came to me to ask my forgiveness. She said he was afraid he could not go to sleep. "What have you done?" said I. While I was drinking tea he had come home and got some biscuit and then went into the veranda and ate it very quietly, so I should not know it, but it seems that he could not forget it. Oh, Lord teach him by Thy Spirit to love thee.

28 Yesterday and today Mr H has been poorly, yet keeps about. I think he fails, but he does not feel it or will not acknowledge it.

Sept 3 Once more a little band of missionaries have been permitted to celebrate the dying love of Jesus. This privilege may not always remain to us for we know not how soon we may be separated. The health of three of our number is very poor.

27 Since my last date a sad change has come over us. One of our little circle has sickened and died. It is quite unexpected to all of us, but doubtless we shall see a wise and kind providence in it hereafter. A little more than a week ago Br Caswell was with us, nearly well. Neither he nor we have any idea of immediate death, but the Lord's will has been done. We will not complain. He died Monday the 25th and was buried the 26th. Erysipelas accompanied with inflammation of the lungs was his trouble. The attack was severe and terminated in a few days.

Oct 28 The King is now making his annual visits to the wats, thus giving his sanction to the idolatrous worship of this land. Today I attempted to count the boats attending him. First came the Peguans, they being the military guards. About 20 of these boats in front were well-filled with men, next the King's boat, then the Princes' and officers of government, about 50 boats. He usually visits about 2 to 4 wats in a day. Tomorrow is the Sabbath. It will be a time of great confusion for the King will come to the Praklang's temple nearby. * * *

This evening we visited the wat near us. The old Praklang is preparing to receive the King tomorrow. We went near and soon as he observed us he called to us and told us we might look all about. We went in to the two principal temples and looked about. Idols with their decorations were the only occupants. The children were along with us. Lewis says if he was a King he would pull down all the idols as did a good King of old. This was said a day or two after hearing his father explain to the Siamese the character and doings of Josiah in morning worship.

Nov 5 This morning a little band of missionaries celebrated the dying love of Jesus here in this heathen land, surrounded by idolatry in all its varied forms. * * *
This day is made memorable also by the removable of a large idol from the Praklang's Wat to a new wat just above Chao Fa's, now being built by the King. It must have been 40 or 50 feet in height. It was placed the eye of a heathen people. The float was towed by four boats rowed by men dressed in uniforms and beside the float was full of men. While beholding this scene I could not help contrasting their God with ours.

Dec 6 Mr H and Dr House have this day left us for a trip into the country. Lewis went with them.

13 This morning we say a most solemn procession pass. Kroma Luang Rak with several others are to be killed. They passed down the river to the place of execution with perfect stillness. We should not have seen them had we not been watching. Oh, The thought that these poor creatures should be ushered into Eternity under such circumstances is enough to rend our hearts. This man has been the dearest friend of the King.

23 Yesterday four officers under Kroma Luang Rak were beheaded.

29 Mr and Mrs Mattoon and Dr House, who left for petchaburi on the 21st returned in good health. They had a pleasant time and are much pleased with the country.

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Jan 1 Mr H and Dr House have left for Nacon Chasi.

6 They returned somewhat worn out with their labors.

16 Sister Caswell left for America this morning. She goes by the ship "MayramDayram" lying on the bar. Her first stop will be in Singapore. She is in the usual state of health and the children are well.

20 Mr Chandler and wife left for a trip to the north, expecting to be absent a month. Sister Caswell sailed this morning from the bar.

29 Mr Hemenway and Dr House left today for the old city and Prabat. Mr H has not been as well of late and has some fears lest his old complaint of last year should return. Both the brethren left with spirits somewhat depressed. The weather is warm and it may prove unfavorable.

Feb 9 The friends have returned from Prabat in better health than we had anticipated, having had a pleasant time. They visited Prabat and Putawee, the places where all resort to worship Buddha.

Mar 6 Moe and Pea were called by their master today and both ushered into the King's service. They have been with us 5 or six years and have become valuable help to us, but their destiny is changed for this world. They understood much of the truth, their conscience is enlightened and they must give an account to God for all their privileges.

25 Two days since we learned through our Presbyterian friends that the American board has decided to withdraw from Siam. We also heard that Sister Caswell had sailed from Singapore. Capt Brown left here the last of February and with him on his return trip Mr and Mrs Bush will return to his field.

Apr 1 Sabbath. Mr and Mrs Steven Bush reached the bar today all well.

27 Mr H has been getting more and more unwell. He is losing strength, though not very fast, and we hope that he will still keep up during the hot season. It is very hot these days, and I think we may expect it since we had so cold a season last winter.

June 16 The Cholera broke out, a few cases at Paknam and some about the Palace. Monday one of our office men was taken, Tuesday it was on the increase and so on until now Friday evening, nobody came to work today. Inn, our servant had an attack. It is still on the increase. Hundreds have died and perhaps thousands during this week. The missionaries are all mercifully preserved thus far.

Aug 5 The Cholera has nearly subsided, that is it does not rage now. A few cases occur every week. The King has been making offerings in consequence of it having passed away. ✱ ✱ ✱ The children have been unwell during the last week, but are better now. Edward is not quite well yet, but I hope he will be soon. Oh, Praised be the Lord for all his benefits towards all us sinners.

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